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MEMORANDUM

TO: Reporters and Editors
FR: Jill Kozeny, 202/224-1308
for Sen. Grassley
RE: IRS Commissioner Selection
DA: Nov. 21, 2007

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa issued the comment below about the announcement made today by the White House that the President intends to nominate Douglas H. Shulman to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue at the Department of the Treasury.

“The position of IRS commissioner is critical and shouldn’t be vacant at all. At least 50 million taxpayers are looking at a filing fiasco next spring because Congress has not acted in a responsible time frame to protect them from an unintended liability from the Alternative Minimum Tax. Any patch that’s passed now may be too late to avoid delays in refunds that are due and a lot of other paperwork confusion. The next IRS commissioner needs to be ready to get on top of these problems and provide whatever leadership is possible for taxpayers, in the absence of Congress getting its job done. I’ll be reviewing this nomination closely as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Finance.”