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The Honorable Jacob Lew
Secretary
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Secretary Lew,

As you know, the Senate Finance Committee has jurisdiction over the Internal Revenue Code and a responsibility to ensure that our tax laws are administered and enforced in a way that respects the First Amendment rights of Americans. The Committee also has an obligation to conduct oversight of the Treasury Department's rulemaking activities. I write today in furtherance of this obligation, and to conduct oversight related to the Treasury Department's November 29, 2013 proposal of new rules governing 501(c)(4) organizations.

To assist the Committee in this oversight, I ask that you provide all documents and communications sent by, received by, or copied to any employee of the Department of the Treasury between January 1, 2009, and May 1, 2014, related to the proposed rules. This request does not apply to public comments the Treasury Department received related to the rulemaking or proposed guidance. It is my understanding that these documents are the subject of outstanding FOIA litigation and have already been collected, so this request should not create any significant burdens for your Department.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 224-4515.

Sincerely,



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Chairman, Senate Committee on Finance