

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6200

January 29, 2015

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As Chairman and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance (Committee), we have an obligation to conduct oversight of the federal government's administration of our tax laws. This includes compliance with Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code, which protects the confidentiality of federal tax records and prohibits their unauthorized disclosure by federal officers. As part of this oversight, we are seeking to determine the degree to and manner in which the Internal Revenue Service shares taxpayer information with the Executive Office of the President.

The Internal Revenue Service – both by its own admission and as evidenced by recent events – is unable to provide a full accounting of its employees' communications with the White House. Therefore, we request that your staff provide the Committee with all communication, whether memoranda, e-mail, or in other form, between the Internal Revenue Service and the Executive Office of the President between January 1, 2010 and the date of this letter. Your staff does not need to reproduce documents that have already been provided to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, but they should provide a sequential list of those documents to the Committee. We ask that your staff produce all responsive documents to the Committee no later than February 20, 2015.

Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,





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