

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 2015

The Honorable Orrin Hatch
Chairman
Committee on Finance
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Hatch:

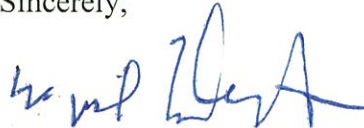
I write in response to your letter dated January 29, 2015 regarding the Committee's interest in Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code.

As you are aware, the Internal Revenue Service has provided substantial material in response to oversight requests from Congress. I understand that, over the past two years, the IRS has produced more than one million pages of documents to your Committee. I also understand that 250 IRS employees have spent more than 138,000 hours working directly on complying with congressional investigations, at a cost of approximately \$18 million, which also includes the cost of adding capacity to the IRS's information technology systems.

I note that your request for communications between the Executive Office of the President and the IRS is largely identical to the April 2014 request former House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp sent to the IRS. It is my understanding that in May 2014 Commissioner Koskinen responded to this request by indicating that the IRS would be able to address new topics such as these following its completion of document productions already in progress.

To the extent that the Committee continues to have an oversight interest in this matter, I encourage you to continue working with the IRS to address those questions.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Chuck Grassley

The Honorable Pat Roberts

The Honorable John Cornyn

The Honorable Mike Crapo

The Honorable John Thune

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