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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

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The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Levin:

Consistent with our continuing efforts to provide your Committee and the public with as much information as possible regarding the Service's treatment of tax exempt advocacy organizations, we are re-releasing certain redacted documents that had been previously provided to your Committee. The re-released redacted versions of these documents have fewer redactions pursuant to section 6103. Two of these documents, which are IRS training material documents, now have no redactions at all. Also, please note that your Committee previously received unredacted versions of these documents.

Specifically, we are re-releasing certain training materials for screeners and Be-On-The-Lookout (BOLO) lists. The following pages from previously released BOLO lists are Bates numbers IRS0000001360-1361, IRS0000001377-1378, IRS0000001394-1395, IRS0000001405-1406, IRS0000002501-2502, IRS0000002512-2513, IRS0000002525-2526, IRS0000002537-2538, IRS0000002550-2551, IRS0000002562-2563, IRS0000002575-2576, and IRS0000002588-2589. The following pages from training materials are Bates numbers IRSR0000006655-6704.

The previously redacted information now being released identifies the search terms "ACORN Successors," "Emerge," "We The People," and "Rally Patriots." The decision to reveal these terms came about as part of our continuing review of the documents that we have produced and after a thorough section 6103 analysis of the terms "ACORN Successors" and "Emerge" by IRS attorneys and extensive consultation regarding these terms between myself and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration and our respective Chief Counsel and their staffs. The IRS has also now concluded that the search terms "We The People" and "Rally Patriots" as they appear in IRS training materials should be treated in the same manner as the "ACORN Successors" and "Emerge" search terms. None of these search terms identify specific entities or reveal anything about any entity's possible tax status and thus, as used in these documents, do not constitute return information as defined by section 6103.

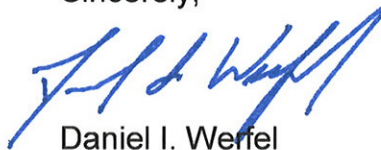
I also want to assure you the IRS is committed to quickly and thoroughly responding to the congressional data requests that we continue to receive while honoring the confidentiality provisions of section 6103.

As of today, the IRS has produced more than 120,000 pages of requested material to Congress. This effort has been an enormous undertaking for the IRS, with more than 145 employees working on issues relating to the production of information and documents to Congressional committees. This is in addition to hundreds of phone calls and meetings with congressional staff regarding document production and witness information. To date, there have been 32 interviews by committees of 21 IRS employees.

The IRS remains committed to providing the requested information as quickly as possible given the complex nature of the requests from multiple committees, new requests coming in, the technical review needed to protect taxpayer confidentiality and limited resources in the current environment.

Please do not hesitate to call me at your convenience or have your staff contact Leonard Oursler at 202-622-3724 if you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter at more length.

Sincerely,



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Acting Commissioner