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February 3, 2015

Mr. Neil Eggleston
Counselor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Eggleston,

As Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, I have the obligation to conduct oversight of the administration of the Internal Revenue Code. This includes the administration of IRC §6103, which establishes the confidentiality of confidential tax return information and governs its disclosure. As you know, §6103(g) provides the President of the United States and certain White House employees access to confidential taxpayer information in limited circumstances.

In April 2014, my predecessor, Chairman Camp, wrote to Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Koskinen to request certain documents pertaining to this section (see attachment). In the IRS's response, the agency indicated it was unable to provide the requested documents due to logistical challenges. To assist my review of information sharing between the IRS and the White House, I ask that you provide the Committee all electronic communication in the agency's possession from or to an "irs.gov" email address. The relevant dates for this request are January 1, 2010 through the present. Please provide these records by no later than February 17, 2015. To the extent any response to this request references tax returns and return information otherwise protected by IRC §6103, I authorize the following staff as my agents to receive such information: Joyce Meyer, Mark Epley, Jen Acuña, Amanda Neely, and Matthew Hittle, pursuant to my authority under that section.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at 202-225-5522.

Sincerely,



PAUL RYAN
Chairman

Attachment

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April 30, 2014

The Honorable John Koskinen
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Commissioner Koskinen,

As Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, I have the obligation to conduct oversight of the administration of the Internal Revenue Code. This includes the administration of IRC Section 6103, which establishes the confidentiality of confidential tax return information and governs its disclosure. As you know, 6103(g) provides the President of the United States and certain White House employees access to confidential taxpayer information in limited circumstances.

To assist my review of information sharing between the IRS and the White House, I ask that you provide the Committee all electronic communication in the agency's possession from or to an "eop.gov" email address. The relevant dates for this request are January 1, 2010 through the present. Please provide these records by no later than May 2, 2014. To the extent any response to this request references returns and return information otherwise protected by Section 6103, I am requesting the returns and return information pursuant to my authority under that section.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at 202-225-5522.

Sincerely,


DAVE CAMP
Chairman