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The Honorable Charles Boustany, Jr., M.D.
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This information supplements my March 23, 2012, response to your March 1, 2012, letter to Commissioner Schulman.

Your letter asked how many new tax-exempt organizations the IRS has recognized each year since 2008. The chart below adds preliminary information on approved cases for FY 2012, from October 1, 2011 through April 11, 2012.

FY	Number of Determination Approvals¹
2008	69,957
2009	62,459
2010	53,693
2011	54,713
2012 ²	29,958

¹ FY 2008 -2011 data - SOI data from IRS Data Book, Table 24, Closures of Applications for Tax-Exempt Status, by Organization Type and Internal Revenue Code Section, Fiscal Year 2008 (and subsequent fiscal years 2009-2011) at <http://www.irs.gov/taxstats/index.html>. This data reflects all case closures for the Exempt Organizations Determinations function. These include not only initial applications for tax-exempt status, but also other determinations, such as public and private foundation status determinations, advance approval of scholarship grant procedures, and group determinations of tax-exempt status.

² The data for FY 2012 in the supplemental charts reflects the preliminary information available. SOI Data Book information is updated annually, with the complete FY 2012 information expected in March 2013.

The second question in your letter asked how many new applications for 501(c)(3) and (c)(4) tax-exempt status the IRS has received since 2008. The below chart adds preliminary information on cases received for FY 2012, from October 1, 2011 through April 1, 2012.

FY	501(c)(3)	501(c)(4)
2008	51,073	1,410
2009	52,303	1,571
2010	50,266	1,591
2011	55,962	2,242
2012	33,307	1,715

I hope this information is helpful. If you have questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Cathy Barre at (202) 622-3720.

Sincerely,



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Acting Commissioner