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Re: Full Committee – Ways and Means to Hold Hearings on Internal Revenue Service Targeting Conservative Groups

When you need help, the best way to tell a story is by the dates of the events –

04-26-2010 – Beginning of the Romeo Area Tea Party. All documentation filed with Federal and State.

03-23-2010 – Filed 2010 year end. 990 EZ.

10-27-2011 – Received notice from the IRS to apply for tax exempt status.

02/06/2012 – I Personally received a letter from tax examiner to prove “Explanation of other income” for the year 2010. Our application states everyone involved is a volunteer.

12-31-2011 – Unable to file year end due to lack of confirmed status.

03-17-2012 – Status request returned. Form 1023 was revised from original 3 pages to 30 pages.

Revision dated January, 2010.

06-20-2012 – Filed revised application for Recognition under Section 501(a) for status 501 (C) 4.

Revised application now includes new items:

1. \$850.00 application fee – Paid
2. Past, present and planned activities, listed separately in order of importance, based on detailed description, when, where, and by whom.
3. Past, present and future financial support, listing largest source first.
4. Past, present and future pamphlets, brochures, newsletters or journals.
5. Continuous questions regarding any officers/directors receiving payment or salary.

07-27-12 – Letter from IRS acknowledging application.

10-27-12 – Received letter confirming application has been forwarded to committee.

12/31/12 – Second year of non-filing year end due to no status.

Our goal is to receive a status enabling us to file the last 2 years of taxes. How can it take three years to either deny or grant a request when you have accepted the paperwork filed as sufficient? The revision (dated January 2010) of the application from 3 pages to 30 pages, resulting in a 60 page answer along with the increase from \$100.00 to \$850.00 for the application fee eliminated several smaller Tea Parties.



