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The Honorable Timothy Geithner
Secretary
United States Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Geithner:

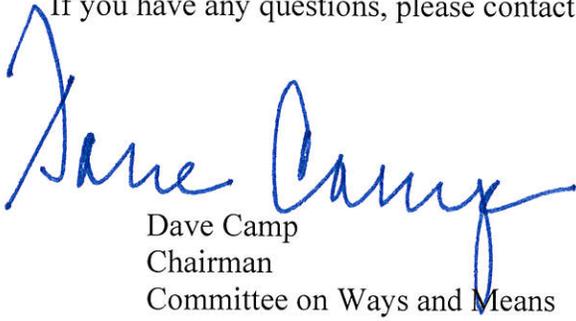
On January 20, 2011, we wrote to you regarding the Department of the Treasury's (Department) debit card pilot program. The program, intended to encourage taxpayers to receive their tax refunds on pre-paid debit cards, was suspended after only 2,000 of the 808,000 taxpayers contacted elected to participate. With the program estimated to cost \$1.5 million, this means taxpayers paid \$750 for each pilot program participant. Early last year, the Department hired the Urban Institute to conduct a study of the pilot program, which was completed and submitted to the Department late last year.

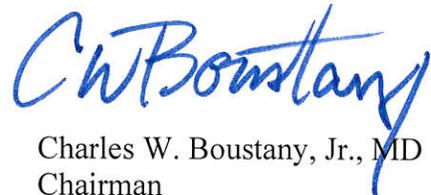
Despite repeated requests for a copy of the Urban Institute report on the failed pilot program, the Department has refused to release it and maintains that the report is "undergoing internal Treasury review." A delay of more than half of a year in releasing a report paid for with taxpayer dollars is unacceptable.

We write today to demand a copy, upon receipt of this letter, of the original report as delivered to the Department. In addition to the original report, provide the following by no later than Friday, June 29, 2012:

1. Copies of all versions of the report that have been generated since delivery of the original, including all edits to the report by the Department; and
2. All records and communications regarding the report.

If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5522.


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