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July 11, 2012

The Honorable Darrell Issa  
Chairman, Committee on Oversight  
and Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Issa.

Thank you for your letter dated June 28, 2012, regarding concerns with the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) oversight of organizations applying for tax-exempt status. Your letter specifically mentioned questionnaires that the IRS has issued which may exceed appropriate scrutiny and a potential lack of balance in the use of criteria for reviewing organizations that are applying for tax-exempt status. We appreciate your interest in ensuring that the IRS has processes in place to effectively and fairly administer tax-exempt laws.

As stated in your letter, after our meeting with the Committee staff, our Office of Audit recently began work on this issue. We would be happy to provide a status update to the Subcommittee staff and provide a copy of our interim and final reports on the matter when they are issued.

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter, or have your staff contact Mr. Matthew Sutphen, Counselor to the Inspector General, at (202) 927-7266.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Russell George".

J. Russell George  
Inspector General

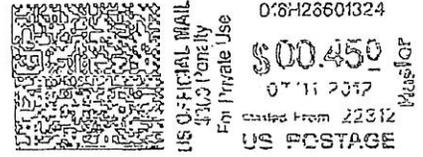
Identical letter sent to:

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