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Camp Announces Hearing with IRS Commissioner John Koskinen

Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI), Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, today announced that the Committee will hold a hearing with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Commissioner John Koskinen to discuss recent developments in the Committee's investigation of the use of inappropriate criteria to process applications of tax-exempt organizations. **The hearing will take place on Friday, June 20, 2014, in Room 1100 of the Longworth House Office Building, beginning at 9:00 A.M.**

In view of the limited time available to hear from witnesses, oral testimony at this hearing will be from invited witnesses only. However, any individual or organization not scheduled for an oral appearance may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and for inclusion in the printed record of the hearing. Commissioner Koskinen will be the sole witness at the hearing.

BACKGROUND:

On May 8, 2014, Chairman Camp announced that nearly one year into the Committee's investigation of the IRS's use of inappropriate criteria to process applications of tax-exempt organizations, the IRS had agreed to turn over all emails from Lois Lerner, the former director of the IRS's Exempt Organizations Division and key figure in the investigation. In a June 13, 2014 letter to Congress, the IRS stated that it had made available to Congress 67,000 emails in which Ms. Lerner was an author or a recipient. In addition, the letter also stated that a computer failure may have resulted in the loss of some of Ms. Lerner's emails sent and received between January 1, 2009 and April 2011. The IRS told the Committee that it became aware of the gap in Ms. Lerner's emails in February 2014.

In announcing the hearing, Chairman Camp stated, "The IRS and the Administration has constantly sought to delay, misguide and obstruct this investigation, starting with blaming 'low-level' workers in Cincinnati. When Commissioner Koskinen took over in December, he pledged greater cooperation and I had high hopes he would do so. It is outrageous to now learn that the IRS has known for months about losing critical documents. It is even more troubling that we did not get the full story about how many employees' emails were lost when the IRS finally revealed this fact late on Friday. This

is a chance for the IRS to finally come clean and start being honest with the American people.”

FOCUS OF THE HEARING:

The hearing will focus on the IRS’s recent statement about the production of Ms. Lerner’s emails.

DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:

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1. All submissions and supplementary materials must be provided in Word format and **MUST NOT** exceed a total of 10 pages, including attachments. Witnesses and submitters are advised that the Committee relies on electronic submissions for printing the official hearing record.
2. Copies of whole documents submitted as exhibit material will not be accepted for printing. Instead, exhibit material should be referenced and quoted or paraphrased. All exhibit material not meeting these specifications will be maintained in the Committee files for review and use by the Committee.
3. All submissions must include a list of all clients, persons and/or organizations on whose behalf the witness appears. A supplemental sheet must accompany each

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