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The Honorable John Koskinen
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20224

Dear Commissioner Koskinen,

As you know, the House Committee on Ways and Means is conducting an investigation related to the Treasury Inspector for Tax Administration's May 14, 2013 audit report, "Inappropriate Criteria Were Used to Identify Tax-Exempt Applications for Review."

To assist the Committee in its investigation, please provide the following information with respect to these custodians by July 10, 2014:

Nikole Flax
Kimberly Kitchens
Julie Chen
Tyler Chumny
Nancy Heagney

1. The names, job titles, and Information Technology-related work history, education and credentialing of all individuals involved with the IRS's attempts to retrieve information from the custodians' computers, hard drives, or other storage devices;
2. The times and dates of the custodians' computer failures and a chronological account of when these individuals attempted retrieval;
3. The makes, models, and serial numbers of both the computers and the failed hard drives;
4. Where are the custodians' failed devices? Have you ordered a forensic analysis of them to determine if the emails can be retrieved?
5. All documents related to the custodians' computer failures and all efforts to recover their electronic data;
6. Any system read outs of data recovered from the custodians' failed computers;
7. Who knew about the computer failures, and how long did IRS IT professionals work to retrieve the information from each custodian's device?

8. The number of all devices each custodian used between January 1, 2009 and September 1, 2013, as well as their makes, models, and serial numbers.
9. What is the IRS's policy regarding archiving emails? Was this policy followed in the case of each custodian listed above?

Additionally, has the IRS identified computer failures or data losses for any additional custodians?

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at 202-225-5522.

Sincerely,



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