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June 26, 2014

The Honorable Barack Obama
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

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."

On June 18, 2014, the White House responded to our June 16, 2014 letter demanding all emails between former Internal Revenue Service official Lois Lerner and any employee of the Executive Office of the President (EOP). The response read, in part, "In April of this year, Treasury's Office of General Counsel informed the White House Counsel's Office that it appeared Ms. Lerner's custodial email account contained very few emails prior to April 2011 and that the IRS was investigating the issue..."

The Internal Revenue Service chose to notify the Treasury Department and the White House of the data loss months before it notified Congress, suppressing information vital to an ongoing investigation. In the interest of transparency, please provide the following information by July 10, 2014:

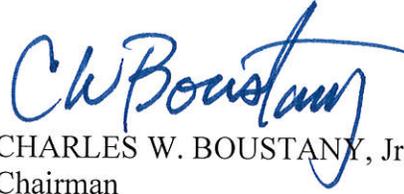
1. Identify with specificity how, by whom and the date on which the White House was informed of Lerner's hard drive crash and/or the resulting data loss?
2. Did any employee(s) of the IRS or Treasury discuss the timing of the IRS's disclosure to Congress with any employee of the EOP? Please provide the name(s) of the employee(s).
3. Provide all documents related to the White House's notification of the data loss.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Camp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "C".

DAVE CAMP
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "CW Boustany". The signature is cursive and includes the initials "CW" and the name "Boustany".

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