

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515**

November 14, 2022

Mr. Douglas O'Donnell  
Acting Commissioner  
Internal Revenue Service  
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20224

Dear Acting Commissioner O'Donnell,

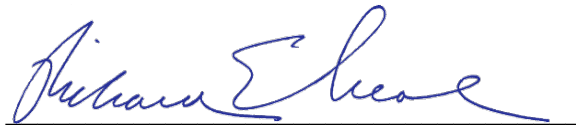
As you are aware, I have been very concerned about the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) selection of former Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director James B. Comey and Acting FBI Director Andrew G. McCabe for in-depth National Research Program audits.

Yesterday, my concerns were heightened, when a *New York Times* article<sup>1</sup> reported that, according to former President Donald J. Trump's Chief of Staff, the former President wanted the IRS to investigate his political enemies and had a list of names. Reportedly, "Mr. Trump regularly made his demands in response to news reports in which he thought his perceived enemies made him look bad." While the former President's reported list may be shorter than that of former President Nixon, the facts are as alarming as they were nearly 50 years ago.

The list of those who former President Trump wished to target is included in the article. I request that the IRS provide a report on whether each of these individuals has been selected for an examination, audit, or other compliance initiative at any time from 2017-2022.

Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Neal  
Chairman

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<sup>1</sup> [Trump Wanted I.R.S. Investigations of Foes, Top Aide Says - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/13/us/politics/trump-wanted-irs-investigations-of-foes-top-aide-says.html)