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Steven T. Miller  
Acting Commissioner  
Internal Revenue Service  
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Dear Acting Commissioner Miller:

The reports that the Internal Revenue Service has used ideological criteria to scrutinize organizations for tax-exempt status are incredibly concerning. We as a nation rely on the IRS to be a fair and nonpartisan arbiter of our tax code, and it is intolerable for the agency to engage in anything but a completely neutral analysis of all tax-exempt applications. These actions appear to have occurred under your predecessor appointed by President Bush. However given the politically charged nature of these allegations, it is incumbent upon you to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to address any wrongdoing.

I call upon the IRS to promptly conduct a thorough, independent investigation of these allegations. The agency needs to hold those responsible for this partisan discrimination fully accountable, including firing anyone who had knowledge that it was happening and did not act to stop it. The IRS also must as put into place strict safeguards and procedures to ensure that this kind of breach of the public trust does not happen again.

It is of the utmost importance that taxpayers are able to trust the Internal Revenue Service implicitly. It is never appropriate for the IRS to make decisions based on political information, regardless of the ideological leanings of political action type organizations. The only criteria used in these determinations should be whether or not the group is eligible for the tax-exempt status they are applying for.

It is more important now than ever that IRS actions are not carried out in a partisan fashion, and that the actions of the IRS are also not used to carry out a political agenda. It is only by having a fair, full, impartial investigation that Americans can have faith in their government and we can avoid cynical manipulations by partisans.

I respectfully call on you to see through an impartial, independent investigation of these allegations, and urge you to take appropriate actions to hold those responsible fully accountable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Loebsack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dave Loebsack  
Member of Congress