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The Honorable John Koskinen
Commissioner of Internal Revenue
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Dear Commissioner Koskinen:

I am writing to follow-up with you regarding past correspondence that I exchanged with your predecessor, then Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue Daniel Werfel dated May 23, 2013 and July 23, 2013. I remain very concerned that the IRS has yet to render decisions regarding many of the pending 501(c)4 tax-exempt applications that were subject to targeting by the IRS. Among the pending applications of particular concern is the Northeast Tarrant Tea Party.

In Mr. Werfel's July 23, 2013 response letter to me, he stated "I have directed that our Exempt Organization place a priority on addressing those applications by offering an expedited option to groups that have had their applications pending for more than 120 days and involve possible political campaign intervention or issue advocacy." Among the groups that were placed on this priority status by Mr. Werfel, how many still remain active and without final decisions by the IRS? Despite being given priority status, why has the IRS been unable to render final decisions on these applications despite their long-pending status before being given priority status by Mr. Werfel and the significant amount of time that has passed since being given priority status? Additionally, when do you expect to have rendered decisions on the pending applications that were given priority status by your predecessor?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this letter and I look forward to receiving your reply. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at 202.225.6605 or scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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