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Mr. Steven T. Miller
Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue
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1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Acting Commissioner Miller:

I am writing to seek clarification regarding the recent reports of certain conservative-leaning political groups being inappropriately and unfairly targeted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

According to recent media reports and a draft report by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, applications for tax-exempt status containing the words "Tea Party," "Patriots," or mentioning education on the Constitution and Bill of Rights, as well as government spending, debt, and taxes were singled out and given extra scrutiny by IRS employees. The draft report notes that the IRS' inappropriate targeting of certain applications has been ongoing since March 2010.

I am concerned that actions on the part of certain IRS employees represent a wholesale violation of the organization's mission to "enforce the law with integrity and fairness to all." As such, I am requesting that the IRS immediately disclose whether any New Jersey-based organizations were improperly targeted since 2010. Furthermore, I am requesting that the IRS provide clarification on the specific IRS employees involved in these aforementioned actions, a full accounting of the scope of their actions, and the steps being taken to ensure integrity and fairness in tax code enforcement.

I thank you in advance for your timely response.

Sincerely,



SCOTT GARRETT
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