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The Honorable Charles W. Boustany  
Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight Committee on Ways and Means  
1101 Longworth HOB, Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Boustany:

I appreciate you holding the March 22, 2012, hearing on Internal Revenue Service Operations and the 2012 Tax Return Filing Season. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts I was unable to attend. However, I would sincerely appreciate you including my comments in the Congressional Record for this hearing.

I am concerned with IRS efforts in relation to compliance that seem to be targeting the tax-exempt sector through new requests for additional information, as well as what I'm told is an unnecessary increase in audits on this particular sector.

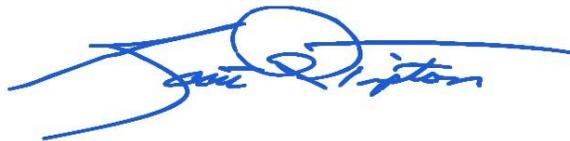
I would like to submit for the Congressional Record one example of the additional information requests that are being made of numerous groups in my state and congressional district. I find these additional requests to be extremely burdensome, invasive, and irrelevant when it comes to determining the status of these 501C3 and 501C4 organizations. I have heard from several Tea Party and liberty groups, who would appear to be unfairly targeted, about these practices and after examining the questions, many of these seem irrelevant with respect to determining their status. Requesting extremely detailed information with regards to certain membership activities, candidate forums, and even civic voter registration drives is worrisome, and it is my hope that this is legitimate and not intended to complicate the filing process for political reasons.

I am further troubled, as your staff indicated, that the IRS did not respond to your October 11, 2011, letter or your March 1, 2012, letter that posed many good questions and requested more information on these practices.

In summary, it is my hope that the IRS would respond to your previous questions, explain the rationale behind the collection of such information, and also explain what groups are being forced to answer these additional information questions.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider my comments. Moving forward please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information. I look forward to working with you during my tenure in Congress.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress