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The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Carl Levin
Chairman of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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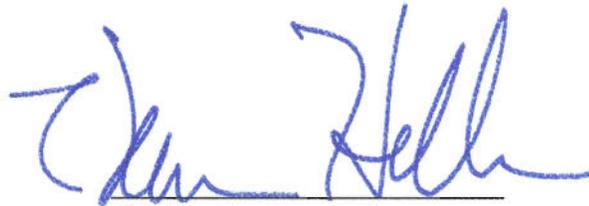
Dear Senators Baucus and Levin,

The recent revelation that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) allegedly delayed the tax-exempt status applications for certain conservative groups for further review is shocking and unacceptable. I request that you immediately call upon Treasury Secretary Lew, Acting IRS Commissioner Miller, and other IRS staff involved in this case to testify in a hearing before your Committee. As Members of Congress who have sworn to uphold and protect the Constitution, it is imperative that Congress launch a comprehensive investigation into these actions.

Beginning as early as March 2010, the agency's practice of intentionally targeting and singling out conservative groups for exercising their First Amendment rights amounts to government corruption and is an illegal abuse of power. The IRS has betrayed the public's trust and must be held accountable. It is imperative the IRS operate with the utmost integrity as a politically neutral agency, not as a government bully.

This issue needs to be thoroughly examined in an open and transparent manner before Congress, and the IRS needs to be held accountable for this grotesque display of corruption. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,



U.S. Senator Dean Heller