

“Examining the Allegations of Misconduct against IRS Commissioner John Koskinen, Part I”  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
May 24, 2016

**Questions for the Record**

Submitted by Rep. Hank Johnson on June 7, 2016

If Congress is going to investigate government officials for alleged misconduct or wasteful use of resources, staff, and money, then we as members of Congress should be willing to look within our own body as well. During the hearing on May 24, 2016, you played a ten-minute video outlining allegations of misconduct against Commissioner Koskinen. In response to questions, you testified that the video, which was primarily created by congressional staff, was available on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee website, and that it had been distributed widely via Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

1. Who proposed the idea of creating this video? What was the purpose of creating the video?
2. When did work to create the video begin and end? Approximately how many hours did congressional staff spend creating the video?
3. Were any non-governmental entities or individuals not employed by Congress involved in the creation or dissemination of the video, including by providing funds, personnel, equipment, technical expertise, or video footage?
4. What are the sources of the information displayed in the video, including the stock footage, excerpted documents, audio and video clips, soundtracks, and voiceovers?
5. The video includes an image of what it calls “Lois Lerner’s hard drive” at 3:55, 4:01, and 5:14 of the video. Where did the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee obtain this image of Lois Lerner’s hard drive? If this is not an image of Lois Lerner’s hard drive, what is actually pictured in the video? Why does the video describe this image as “Lois Lerner’s hard drive?”
6. The video includes many close-up images of Commissioner Koskinen’s face in black and white. Was original footage used to prepare these images in black and white, or was the footage altered? If they were altered, what techniques did congressional staff use to alter images of Commissioner Koskinen? For what purpose did congressional staff alter the original footage?

7. Please provide the Committee with complete, unaltered versions of the footage, images, and other source materials used to create the video.
  
8. To your knowledge, has this video been used by any member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee or any political committee in association with fundraising or campaign communications?