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Camp Announces Hearing on the Status of Internal Revenue Service's Review of Taxpayer Targeting Practices

Congressman Dave Camp, (R-MI), Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, today announced that the Committee will hold a hearing on the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and the agency's 30-day review of the practice of discriminating against applicants for tax-exempt status based on their personal beliefs. **The hearing will take place on Thursday, June 27, 2013, in Room 1100 of the Longworth House Office Building, beginning at 10:00 A.M.**

The Principal Deputy Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, Mr. Daniel Werfel, will be the only witness at the hearing. However, any individual or organization not scheduled for an oral appearance may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and for inclusion in the printed record of the hearing.

BACKGROUND:

Since June 2011, the Committee on Ways and Means has been investigating whether the IRS discriminated against taxpayers based on their personal beliefs. On May 10, 2013, IRS acknowledged that the agency had been targeting conservative-leaning political organizations. Appointed by President Obama on May 16, 2013, Mr. Werfel serves as the Principal Deputy Commissioner of the IRS and the Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement. The day after his appointment, Treasury Secretary Jack Lew stated Mr. Werfel would "within 30 days... report to me and we will report to the President on actions taken." The Committee will receive testimony from Mr. Werfel regarding the Agency's internal review of inappropriate practices, as well as any remedial and disciplinary actions that have been implemented by the IRS.

In announcing the hearing, Chairman Camp said, **"At the close of the Committee's first hearing into the IRS's targeting of conservatives, I said this phase of the investigation was just beginning. While the Committee continues a methodical investigation that includes interviewing IRS officials, reviewing internal IRS documents, and talking to those who were targeted, it is also important that we hear from IRS leadership about what immediate steps the agency has undertaken to address these actions. The hearing will ensure that we have the IRS's perspective as Congress considers additional actions that are necessary to address both this broken agency and the broken tax code the agency used as a means to target and intimidate Americans based on their political beliefs."**

FOCUS OF THE HEARING:

The hearing will focus on the Internal Revenue Service's 30-day report on the practice of discriminating against applicants for tax-exempt status based on their personal beliefs.

DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:

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