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Members of Congress,

Thank you for reading my letter. And I thank you again for pursuing the source of this IRS corruption.

I've been asked to recount the IRS' mistreatment of the Wetumpka Tea Party. I've already done that. In previous testimony, I've explained in detail how the IRS turned a simple 90-day application process into a multi-year bureaucratic debacle. Then, oddly enough, our legal problems suddenly vanished without explanation shortly after the 2012 election cycle. As we've learned, hundreds of tea parties and like-minded organizations suffered the same fate.

The political targeting conducted by the IRS is a national outrage. Those aren't my words. Those words came from President Obama.

So who gave the order?

An outrage is committed by a human being. Initially, a Cincinnati IRS office was blamed, but offices can't be held responsible. Only individuals can be held responsible. And those agents in Cincinnati said their directives came from Washington.

So who gave the order?

This wasn't a hurricane or an earthquake. This wasn't magic. And the targeting was too consistent and pervasive to be considered coincidental. Someone in Washington, DC decided to target their political adversaries.

So who gave the order?

This scandal is unique in American history. Never before have millions of Americans been targeted by their government for their political views. This is not a partisan issue. Both sides can agree that unaddressed government problems tend to get bigger. At root, the actions of the IRS threaten American freedom and every American

citizen's faith in their government. That root cannot be allowed to grow.

It's been more than five months since President Obama promised to hold the IRS accountable. Thus far, no one has been indicted. No one has been fired. And Lois Lerner is taking the fifth.

So, Mr. President, who gave the order?

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