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Ellen Weintraub, Chair
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
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Dear Chair Weintraub,

As you know, there have been significant questions about the IRS targeting groups for more intensive scrutiny solely on the basis of their political beliefs. Targeting Americans on the basis of their political beliefs raises grave First Amendment concerns. Therefore, it is important for Congress to understand any role the Federal Election Commission – which regulates political speech – may have played, intentionally or not, in any targeting activities. Questions about FEC involvement with such targeting reinforce the need for a public enforcement manual with rules and procedures governing communication about non-public pending matters. The answers to those questions may warrant further investigation from the Committee.

To help ensure that the FEC has not coordinated with the IRS on the targeting of Americans on the basis of their political beliefs, I am writing to request any documents (including emails) transmitted to or received from (1) Mrs. Lois Lerner or (2) any employee of the IRS by any FEC Commissioner or employee between January 1, 2008 and the present. In addition, please provide any records of any communications between (1) Mrs. Lois Lerner or (2) any employee of the IRS and any FEC Commissioner or employee during the same period. Please provide all of the requested materials by August 19, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Schalestock of the Committee staff at (202) 225-8281.

Sincerely,

Candice S. Miller

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cc: The Honorable Gregg Harper
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