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Dear Congressman:

The recent public acknowledgement from the IRS regarding its role in targeting conservative non-profit groups should concern you as much as it concerns us. Regardless of one's political preference, when a regulatory agency, like the IRS, singles out specific groups because of their beliefs, it threatens all of our freedoms.

The IRS admitted to targeting conservative non-profit groups with the phrases "patriot" and "tea party" in their applications. According to the *Politico*, the IRS went further and "gave a skeptical eye to groups focusing on specific issues including "government spending," "government debt," "education of the public via advocacy/lobbying to 'make America a better place to live,'" and all groups that "criticized how the country is being run." According to the *Wall Street Journal*, "many groups say they were asked for lists of their donors and other sensitive information." The *Washington Post* published a must read editorial titled "Playing Politics with Tax Returns," calling to task the IRS. George Will on ABC's This Week called the IRS's actions against conservatives an "Impeachable Offense."

The issue of the IRS, or any regulatory office, targeting conservative groups is inexcusable. It should not matter if these groups are conservative or progressive, unfair treatment has no place and it affects the freedoms of all of us.

We are writing to you today because we represent several conservative organizations in Massachusetts that are concerned with the IRS's actions. We are calling on you to join other Members of Congress, from both parties, in publicly condemning the IRS's actions. This type of behavior cannot be tolerated and it's important that residents of Massachusetts know how their Members of Congress stand on this good-government issue.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions; we are eagerly awaiting your public statement. Thank you.

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