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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
WASHINGTON, DC 20224

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The Honorable Jim Jordan
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Jordan:

Thank you for your January 30, 2025, letter requesting information about data security at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). We are actively working to gather the documents and communications you requested. This will be an iterative process, and we will provide the materials as they become available. We will keep you updated on our progress. In the interim, we are providing the following information in response to your inquiry.

- 1. Documents sufficient to show the precise number of taxpayers and other entities whose protected taxpayer information Mr. Littlejohn inappropriately accessed or leaked.**

Relying on data analysis by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) and the IRS, the IRS mailed notifications to 405,427 taxpayers whose taxpayer information was inappropriately disclosed by Mr. Littlejohn. Approximately 89% of the taxpayers are business entities.

- 2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the procedures that the IRS has implemented or will implement to provide assistance to victims or to help taxpayers learn what information had been inappropriately accessed and leaked.**

Attached are the templates the IRS utilized to notify affected taxpayers that an IRS contractor had been charged with the unauthorized disclosure of their tax returns or return information. The notifications contain information to assist affected taxpayers and were updated as IRS became aware of additional information. The IRS made available supplemental information to assist affected taxpayers at the following link: <https://irs.gov/newsroom/irs-communication-on-data-disclosure>.

- 3. All documents and communications referring or relating to the IRS's efforts to notify victims of Mr. Littlejohn's crimes, including but not limited to:**
 - a. How the IRS has informed or plans to inform victims of what specific personal information was leaked and for what tax years.**

- The IRS established a dedicated email address [REDACTED] for follow-up taxpayer inquiries. In response to inquiries to this mailbox seeking details regarding the specific tax returns or return information disclosed, the IRS separately will provide a taxpayer specific list of information disclosed after a thorough review of the complex and voluminous data files.
- The IRS revised the taxpayer notification letters to include more specific information for taxpayers whose disclosed information was narrow in scope and limited to data from information returns.

b. How the IRS has notified or plans to notify victims of whether their protected taxpayer information was provided to a third party, including but not limited to the *New York Times* and *ProPublica*.

The Internal Revenue Code requires a taxpayer be notified if any person is criminally charged by indictment or information with inspection or disclosure of such taxpayer's returns or return information. The IRS has mailed notifications to 405,427 taxpayers whose returns and/or return information was disclosed by Mr. Littlejohn.

c. When the IRS plans to complete its notifications to all victims affected by Mr. Littlejohn's crimes.

The IRS does not anticipate any further large mailings, though there will be a relatively small number of additional notifications based on ongoing research and reconciliation work.

4. All documents and communication between or among the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Justice referring or relating to Mr. Littlejohn's unauthorized access and disclosure of confidential taxpayer information.

As noted above, the IRS is working to gather all responsive materials and will provide those materials as they become available.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have questions, please contact me, or a member of your staff may contact [REDACTED], National Director, Legislative Affairs, at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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