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The Honorable Senator Orrin Hatch
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6200

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA), representing millions of taxpayers across the country, writes in support of Sen. Rob Portman's (R-Ohio) newly introduced legislation aimed at curbing IRS abuses and giving clarity to the due process that must be afforded to all taxpayers. The bill has already garnered strong support in the taxpayer advocate community and contains a number of provisions designed to protect taxpayers.

The proposed reforms would guarantee that taxpayers have a right to an appeal before a tax court, ensure that the IRS cannot unilaterally extend the statute of limitations against cooperative taxpayers through use of a designated summons, and prevent the IRS from hiring outside law firms for audits.

Senator Portman's legislation is necessary as the IRS faces ongoing criticism due to tactics aimed at denying taxpayers the right to appeal, as well as recent controversies regarding the audit process.

TPA continues to support any efforts to make sure the IRS is acting responsibly in the interests of the taxpayer and not actively against taxpayers. Mr. Chairman, it is important that taxpayers see action from you and the Senate Finance Committee as you consider legislation in the coming weeks regarding taxpayer rights.

Regards,



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