

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable J. Russell George  
Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
City Center Building  
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Dear Mr. Inspector General:

As you may know, certain Members of the House of Representatives have renewed their effort to impeach Internal Revenue Service Commissioner John Koskinen. One of their primary accusations is that the Commissioner ordered the destruction of documents to conceal them from investigators.

On June 30, 2015, your office issued a Report of Investigation entitled "Exempt Organizations Data Loss" (#54-1406-008-I). According to that report, your staff interviewed 118 witnesses and reviewed employee emails in Martinsburg, West Virginia, where two low-level employees recycled, or "degaussed," backup tapes that included emails from Lois Lerner.

In this report, your office concluded: **"No evidence was uncovered that any IRS employees had been directed to destroy or hide information from Congress, the DOJ, or TIGTA."**

We are writing with a simple question: **Since issuing this report, has your office changed its previous conclusion on this matter?**

We would greatly appreciate if you would respond to this letter by 10 a.m. tomorrow morning. We apologize for the urgent nature of this request, but the resolution at issue was introduced yesterday and may be considered as early as tomorrow. We appreciate your consideration of this request on this very important matter.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and  
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Sander Levin  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Ways and Means