

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 12, 2026

Ms. Heather M. Hill
Acting Inspector General for Tax Administration
Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
901 D St SW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Acting Inspector General Hill:

As members of the Committee on Ways and Means, we ask the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) to immediately investigate the leak of confidential taxpayer information of 47,000 individuals reported this week by the Washington Post in an article entitled *IRS improperly disclosed confidential immigrant tax data to DHS.*¹

Not only does this action endanger working, tax paying individuals who contribute to our economy, but it disincentivizes tax compliance for everyone. When agencies take advantage of public trust by illegally sharing taxpayer data, it creates an environment wherein undocumented individuals are not comfortable complying with tax law. Undocumented immigrants have paid taxes for years with assurances that they can safely do so – this illegal action has pulled the rug out from under working individuals who are trying to comply with the law. We are seeing an increasing rise of violence and illegality in President Trump's immigration enforcement; it is highly unprecedeted and completely inappropriate that the Department of the Treasury should take part in such efforts.

Since February 2025, we have been deeply concerned that confidential taxpayer information protected by Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code was being unlawfully and unjustly disclosed to or accessed by other government agencies. In fact, just last week, the Department of the Treasury responded to a letter from many members of this committee, alongside other Members of Congress, stating that they “share[d] our commitment to taxpayer privacy.”²

On February 16, 2023, Chairman Jason Smith wrote to the Department of Treasury³ regarding a previous disclosure of private information, which has now resulted in the President suing the Internal Revenue Service for \$10 billion. We similarly ask the following:

“Therefore, I request that TIGTA commit in writing that it will complete the following actions:

1. Conduct a comprehensive and timely investigation.
2. Produce a report that summarizes TIGTA's investigation with findings and recommendations.
3. Provide these Members with a full copy of TIGTA's unredacted report.
4. Make as much of that report public as possible, consistent with 26 U.S.C. § 6103.”

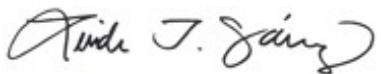
Thank you in advance for your attention to this request. We look forward to learning the results of your investigation.

¹ [IRS improperly shared immigrant data with DHS enforcement officials - The Washington Post](#)

² See attached

³ [Smith Demands Timely and Public Answers from IRS Watchdog on Investigation into Leak of Taxpayer Private Data - Ways and Means](#)

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



Mike Thompson
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



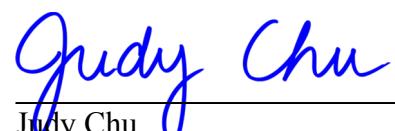
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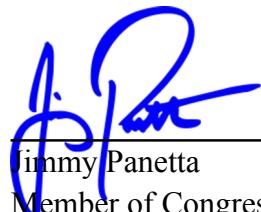
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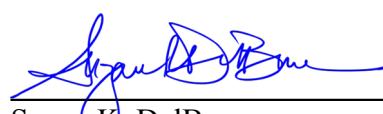
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
WASHINGTON, DC 20224

February 2, 2026

The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Wasserman Schultz:

Thank you for your March 25, 2025, letter regarding reports the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is sharing taxpayer information with the Department of Homeland Security for immigration enforcement purposes.

The Department of the Treasury and IRS share your commitment to taxpayer privacy. As you state in your letter, under 26 U.S.C. section 6103, taxpayer information is strictly confidential. Section 6103(i)(2) also includes specific exceptions requiring IRS to provide taxpayer information to other federal agencies in certain circumstances.

We defer to the Department of Homeland Security on questions directed to them. If you have further questions, please contact me, or a member of your staff may contact Amy Klonsky, Chief, Communications and Liaison, at 202-317-6985.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Bisignano
Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Linda T. Sánchez
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The Honorable Danny K. Davis
The Honorable Frederica S. Wilson
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The Honorable James P. McGovern
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