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IRS Apologizes to Tea Party Groups for Inappropriate Scrutiny of Tax -Exempt Status

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The head of Exempt Organizations at the Internal Revenue Service publicly apologized to tea party groups May 10 for the treatment they received from the agency when they were applying for tax exemption as advocacy groups.

Groups applying for exemption with the name "tea party" and "patriot" were pulled from a specialized IRS list and sent to a centralized unit for extra review, Lois Lerner told the American Bar Association Tax Section May Meeting in Washington.

Lerner called the IRS's actions "absolutely wrong and inappropriate."

She also said the questions the organizations were asked were too broad, including questions about their contributors that were not customary, and said many of the cases sat around for too long.

IRS later released a [statement](#) on the matter.

Text of the IRS statement is at <http://op.bna.com/dt.nsf/r?Open=sdoe-97kn5f>.

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