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Please let me know how you want me to proceed on this.

Thanks,
Suzie

From: Griffin, Ayo (Judiciary-Dem) [mailto:Ayo_Griffin@judiciary-dem.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 7:44 PM
To: Sinno Suzanne
Subject: Hearing

Hi Suzanne,

I hope you're well. You may recall we met last summer during a couple of very helpful IRS briefings that you put together for staff for several Senators relating to political spending by 501(c)(4) groups.

I wanted to get in touch because Sen. Whitehouse is convening a hearing in the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism on criminal enforcement of campaign finance law on April 9, which I think you may have already heard about from Bill Erb at DOJ. One of the topics actually involves enforcement of tax law. Specifically, Sen. Whitehouse is interested in the investigation and prosecution of material false statements to the IRS regarding political activity by 501(c)(4) groups on forms 990 and 1024 under 26 U.S.C. § 7206.

Sen. Whitehouse would like to invite an IRS witness to testify on these issues. Could you please let me know if it would be possible for you to provide a witness?

I sincerely apologize for the late notice. We had been hoping that a DOJ witness could discuss all of the topics that Sen. Whitehouse was interested in covering at this hearing, but we were recently informed that they would not be able to speak about enforcement of § 7206 in this context.

I have attached an official invitation in case you require one two weeks prior to the hearing date (as DOJ does).

Perhaps we can discuss all of this on the phone tomorrow if you have time.

Thanks very much,

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