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**From:** Lerner Lois G  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 02, 2013 4:09 PM  
**To:** Light Sharon P; Partner Melaney J; Paz Holly O  
**Cc:** White Shirley A; Thomas Cindy M  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder about 5/22 phone forum for congressional staff

**I am out of the country for that one, so Holly and you all should figure out what you plan to say about why things take forever. Need to be careful not to mention sequester/furlough unless asked although can allude to budget and resource constraints.**

*Lois G. Lerner*

Director of Exempt Organizations

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**From:** Light Sharon P  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 02, 2013 5:05 PM  
**To:** Lerner Lois G; Partner Melaney J  
**Cc:** White Shirley A; Thomas Cindy M  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder about 5/22 phone forum for congressional staff

Cheryl, Cindy and I have a call scheduled on the 16<sup>th</sup> from 11-12 to discuss the forum in advance.

We have gotten a couple of messages that the questions submitted in advance are complaints that the Determs process takes too long.

It would be good to have the "sensitivity training" conversation on that 5/16 call.

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**From:** Lerner Lois G  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 02, 2013 4:57 PM  
**To:** Partner Melaney J  
**Cc:** White Shirley A; Light Sharon P; Thomas Cindy M  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder about 5/22 phone forum for congressional staff

**Arrgh--I just saw it. Sharon could skate, but Cindy is the person who could answer that stuff. We need to give them some language in the event that type question comes up.**

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**From:** Partner Melaney J  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 02, 2013 3:34 PM  
**To:** Lerner Lois G  
**Cc:** White Shirley A  
**Subject:** Reminder about 5/22 phone forum for congressional staff

Lois,

With all the sensitive issues lately, I just wanted to make sure that you remembered EO's upcoming phone forum for congressional staff. We have about 100 signed up so far. It is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22 from 2 to 3:30, and the promotional materials say:

*Experts from IRS Exempt Organizations will present an overview and updates for congressional staff on the following topics:*

- *Applying for tax-exempt status*
- *Automatic revocation of tax-exempt status*
- *IRS Exempt Organizations products & resources*

*If you have specific questions related to these topics that you would like the forum to address, please submit them in advance through your IRS Governmental Liaison.*

We are working directly with Eric Hall (who is working with GL and TAS as they share the congressional staff). Our speakers are Cheryl, Sharon, and Cindy T. TAS and GL folks are listening, but asked not to engage during the forum as it is for the congressional staffers.

Melaney