
From: Lerner Lois G
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2013 3:21 PM
To: Flax Nikole C; Eldridge Michelle L; Lemons Terry L; Marks Nancy J
Subject: RE: Proposed answers: Washington Post Editorial Board

It isn't the balance I am focused on --it's the idea that we know --that sounds like we track it and we don't. Doesn't look good if it looks like we check to see what side of the aisle an org is on.

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Director of Exempt Organizations

From: Flax Nikole C
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2013 4:17 PM
To: Lerner Lois G; Eldridge Michelle L; Lemons Terry L; Marks Nancy J
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From: Lerner Lois G
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I can't confirm that there was anyone on the other side of the political spectrum --I think that sentence presumes we keep track of which side of the aisle an or falls --we don't. The one with names used were only know because that have been very loud in the press. I think that line is dangerous

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Cc: Patterson Dean J
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From: Eldridge Michelle L
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To: Flax Nikole C; Vozne Jennifer L; Lemons Terry L
Cc: Patterson Dean J
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Here is the proposed answer based on our discussion. Comments or concerns?

Proposed answer:

Here is our full statement. I have also answered your questions below.

IRS Statement

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From: Stromberg, Stephen W [<mailto:stephen.stromberg@wpost.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2013 1:46 PM
To: Burke Anthony
Subject: From Washington Post Editorial Board

Hi –

I am writing an on-deadline editorial on the Tea Party/IRS issue, filing by 4:30 p.m. at the latest. At the moment, I have three questions:

Why weren't there protections in place to ensure that selecting out groups of a particular political stripe was not possible? What procedures are in place now to prevent this, both in the tax -exempt office and elsewhere in the IRS?

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Who has led the investigation into this episode? Is someone else inside or outside of the IRS going to investigate further?

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Thanks in advance.

Best,
Steve Stromberg

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