

March 17, 2015

The Honorable House Speaker, John Boehner H-232 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker,

Judicial Watch is a conservative, non-partisan educational foundation, promoting transparency, accountability and integrity in government, politics and the law. Through our educational endeavors, Judicial Watch advocates high standards of ethics and morality in our nation's public life and seeks to ensure that political and judicial officials do not abuse the powers entrusted to them by the American people. Judicial Watch fulfills its educational mission through litigation, investigations, and public outreach.

To that end, our efforts to educate Americans about the Obama Internal Revenue Service (IRS) abuses resulted in 17,642 concerned citizens, whose names I have also enclosed, signing the following petition to you:

"I urge you to immediately appoint a House Select Committee to investigate the full scope of the conspiracy to improperly target conservative and Tea Party groups by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Documents obtained from the IRS by Judicial Watch through Freedom of Information Act lawsuits <u>prove</u> this program was directed from IRS headquarters, and that three other federal government departments (the Federal Election Commission, the Department of Justice and the FBI) unlawfully consulted with the IRS about elements of the program. In fact, documents that Judicial Watch obtained show that officials at the Justice Department actually reached out to Lois Lerner at the IRS as they considered potential criminal prosecution of "certain groups."

This is nothing less than a <u>criminal government attack</u> against political opponents of the current President and his administration! You have a <u>sworn duty</u> to appoint a Select Committee or Special Prosecutor with full power to issue subpoenas, compel sworn testimony, acquire documents, and, if necessary, issue criminal referrals for action to the appropriate authorities. <u>I call upon you to act immediately!</u>"

I am writing you today to get to all the facts about this profoundly dangerous, politicized corruption of our government. The American people deserve to know who was responsible for creating this corrupt policy and for letting it continue.

We are confronting an IRS/Obama administration scandal of monstrous proportion and severity – far more serious than the Nixon IRS abuses that helped lead to his resignation. As you may know, Judicial Watch forced the release of blockbuster emails from the IRS that implicates additional Obama administration agencies in the IRS scandal. Judicial Watch's efforts exposed how the IRS worked with the Federal Election Commission, the Department of Justice (and even some members of Congress) in an effort to target, harass and even prosecute perceived opponents of President Barack Obama.

I and the enclosed list of 17,642 undersigned citizens of the United States and supporters of Judicial Watch, urge you to assert your constitutional authority vested in Congress to finally uncover all the facts, so that those responsible for the IRS scandal and its subsequent cover-up can be held accountable under the law and to the American people.

We've appreciated your support of the Select Committee on Benghazi in response to smoking-gun emails forced out by separate Judicial Watch litigation. Similarly, the appointment of a Select Committee on the IRS Scandal is also appropriate, as well as using the influence of your office and the House to ensure the appointment of a special counsel by the Justice Department to seriously and independently conduct a criminal investigation of the Obama IRS abuses.

Please feel free to follow up with me on this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Fitton

President