From: Lerner Lois G

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 12:06 PM

To: Flax Nikole C

Subject: RE: Question from organization applying for exempt status

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Lois G. Lerner

Director of Exempt Organizations

From: Flax Nikole C

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 1:03 PM

To: Lerner Lois G

Subject: RE: Question from organization applying for exempt status

Steve had some issues with the guidelines too so we should talk.

From: Lerner Lois G

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 1:00 PM

To: Flax Nikole C

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The sooner the better that we have a standard response. I am working to get the guidelines to Cincy oked by Counsel so we can post on the web too. One of the biggest reasons that folks are revved up is they don't have information

Lois G. Lerner

Director of Exempt Organizations

From: Lerner Lois G

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 12:38 PM

To: Grant Joseph H

Subject: FW: Question from organization applying for exempt status

Just FYI

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Director of Exempt Organizations

From: Williams Floyd L

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 12:32 PM **To:** Lerner Lois G; Nielson Jacqueline R **Cc:** Paz Holly O; Eldridge Michelle L

Subject: RE: Question from organization applying for exempt status

Lois, thank you very much.

From: Lerner Lois G

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 11:56 AM **To:** Nielson Jacqueline R; Williams Floyd L **Cc:** Paz Holly O: Eldridge Michelle L

Subject: FW: Question from organization applying for exempt status

This is a very sensitive area and Floyd just accompanied me to the Hill last week to discuss with some folks there. I feel more comfortable if he is in the loop on these requests so we are being consistent. We have put something together for media relations to use when press come in--let me make sure it has been blessed and then I think it might be the best thing to send on. I'll get back to you later today

Lois G. Lerner

Director of Exempt Organizations

From: Paz Holly O

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 11:48 AM

To: Lerner Lois G

Subject: Fw: Question from organization applying for exempt status

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

From: Nielson Jacqueline R

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 11:40 AM

To: Paz Holly O

Subject: FW: Question from organization applying for exempt status

Holly, I just talked to Sarah Arbes in Senator Mitch McConnell's office. They are asking if the questions in the attached notice are ones we commonly ask organizations applying for exempt status under 501(c)(4). This case is similar to the one you worked on last week for Rep. Jordan. If you're in today, I can call and give you a little more explanation about this. Thanks. Jackie Nielson, GL, OH and KY, 614-280-8739

From: Arbes, Sarah (McConnell) [mailto:Sarah Arbes@mcconnell.senate.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 11:19 AM

To: Nielson Jacqueline R

Subject: RE: Question from organization applying for exempt status

Attached are the questions we discussed. Without getting into the specifics of the individual case, we were hoping you could tell us whether these are standard questions for organizations applying for 501(c)(4) status

Thank you for your help!

Sarah

Sarah Arbes

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From: Nielson Jacqueline R [mailto:Jacqueline.R.Nielson@irs.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 9:51 AM

To: Arbes, Sarah (McConnell)

Subject: Question from organization applying for exempt status

Hi, Sarah,

Marsha in the Taxpayer Advocate office asked me to contact you about the organization that applied for exempt status under IRC 501(c)(4) and has not received their determination yet. If you have an e-mail or letter from that group that I can share with our Exempt Organization Division, would you please send it to me in reply to this e-mail, or by fax to 614-280-8735, Attn: Jackie Nielson? If they signed a privacy release that you could send me, that would be great. If they didn't furnish that, I can reply in more general terms.

Thanks, Sarah. Please call if you want to discuss.

Jackie Nielson IRS Governmental Liaison Phone (614) 280-8739 Fax (614) 280-8735