



This morning, House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa, R-Calif., released a new staff report, "The Internal Revenue Service's Targeting of Conservative Tax-Exempt Applicants: Report of Findings for the 113th Congress." The report represents findings from the review of over 1.3 million pages of documents and 52 transcribed interviews with IRS, Treasury, and Justice Department employees.

Following the report, **Jenny Beth Martin, co-founder of Tea Party Patriots**, which was targeted by the IRS for additional scrutiny, issued the following statement.

"There is no question that the IRS as an agency, and its leaders individually, directed and implemented a scheme to silence and demoralize tea party groups. We knew it was going on before Congress and the Treasury Inspector General confirmed it.

The truth is that it is STILL going on. The IRS still plans to defy the will of hundreds of thousands of Americans by its plot to reissue cumbersome regulations early next year that will likely be little different from the regulations they proposed a year ago to shut down citizen free speech. Even though the IRS was forced to withdraw the first set of regulations, Obama's Treasury Dept is -- EVEN Now -- working to revise and reissue the regulations. We want the IRS and Treasury to hear us loud and clear: we are not going away, we will not be silenced and we will continue to fight every effort they devise to target and intimidate our movement.

We thank Chairman Issa for his tireless efforts to expose the truth about this scandal. We only hope that the next Congress will take this report and finish the job Chairman Issa, Congressman Jordan and others undertook in this Congress - and to pass legislation to rein in the out-of-control IRS once and for all."

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