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Tea Party Patriots Condemns Lois Lerner Refusal to Testify

Lerner's Silence Makes Mockery of The Law

WOODSTOCK, GA— “When Lois Lerner pleads the Fifth, it's crystal clear to all Americans that there's more than just a ‘smidgeon’ of corruption in the Obama Administration. **said Jenny Beth Martin, Co-founder of Tea Party Patriots.** Lois Lerner's refusal to testify today before the House committee investigating the IRS' scrutiny of conservative groups seeking tax-exempt status makes an absolute mockery of the law,”

“Last week, just a few hours before we were set to testify before a House subcommittee on the IRS' targeting, Tea Party Patriots received a call that the IRS finally had decided -- after 3 years, 2 months, 10 days, thousands of man-hours, and tens of thousands of dollars in legal and accounting fees – to approve our 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status. And this is not political?”

“A government of the people, by the people, and for the people must trust the people, and the people must trust the government”. **Mrs. Martin concluded,** “When the people are afraid of a government agency, when they see that agency as a bunch of bullies who abuse power, that trust is shattered. Free people should not fear a politicized bureaucracy that delves into their social media and communications to determine what they said, to whom they spoke, and what they think about their government. To restore faith in the agency that collects our hard-earned tax dollars, we must get to the bottom of this scandal and hold those who targeted groups like Tea Party Patriots accountable.”

Tea Party Patriots is a national grassroots coalition with more than 3,400 locally organized chapters and more than 15 million supporters nationwide. Tea Party Patriots is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting the principles of fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government, and free markets. Visit Tea Party Patriots online at www.TeaPartyPatriots.org.

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