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## **Tea Party Patriots Statement on the Lois Lerner Justice Department Referral for Criminal Prosecution**

**WOODSTOCK, GA** - Tea Party Patriots Co-Founder Jenny Beth Martin today issued the following statement in response to the House Ways and Means committee vote to refer former IRS official Lois Lerner to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution.

*"Having received letters signed by Lois Lerner during the IRS targeting, Tea Party Patriots appreciates the efforts of Chairman Camp and the Ways and Means Committee for working to hold the IRS accountable and for their vote to refer her to the Justice Department for criminal prosecution. Lois Lerner owes it to the American people to tell the truth about what she and the IRS did to strip citizens of their First Amendment rights. It's time to send a message to this administration that Americans will not stand for this kind of Banana Republic thuggery. The Bill of Rights is supposed to guarantee our personal freedoms and we are fed up with bureaucrats and political appointees shredding those rights. History may not long remember today's vote to hold this bureaucrat accountable, but history should never forget the shame brought upon this nation by the Obama administration's lawless targeting of American citizens based on their beliefs."*

**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](http://www.TeaPartyPatriots.org).

**For further information or to schedule an interview with Jenny Beth Martin, please contact Mike Rudin with Shirley & Banister Public Affairs at (703) 739-5920 or (800) 536-5920.**

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