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Subj: New Lerner Emails Surface, but IRS Sets Up Roadblocks | Tea Party leader available

On Friday, DoJ lawyers Geoffrey J. Klimas and Stephanie Sasarak, acting as counsel for the IRS, submitted a new filing to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, in which they claimed the IRS received new emails from the missing trove of documents of embattled former IRS Commissioner Lois Lerner.

However, they argued they could not release them to Judicial Watch, a nonprofit group suing to get the emails, because the IRS needs to ensure that none of them are duplicates.

In light of these new developments, **Jenny Beth Martin, the CEO and co-founder of Tea Party Patriots, a tea party group whose tax-exempt status was held up by the IRS for more than three years**, issued the following statement:

"At this point Judicial Watch is more trustworthy than the IRS. The IRS should let Judicial Watch search for the duplicates themselves and stop wasting hard earned tax payer dollars and everyone's time."

For more information or to arrange an interview with Jenny Beth Martin, please contact Mike Rudin with Shirley & Banister Public Affairs at mrudin@sbpublicaffairs.com or (703) 739-5920.