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## **IRS Independent Investigation is Long Overdue**

*Tea Party Commends Senator Cruz for Leading on IRS Targeting Scandal Investigation*

**ATLANTA, GA – Today, Tea Party Patriots applauded Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) for calling for a special prosecutor to investigate the IRS' targeting of conservatives.**

Jenny Beth Martin, Co-founder of Tea Party Patriots, issued the following statement thanking Sen. Cruz for his leadership:

*Senator Cruz made a strong and eloquent case for a special prosecutor to investigate the IRS' targeting of conservatives yet the Senate shamefully refused his request for a vote on whether one should be appointed. The Senate Democratic leadership is now a de facto accomplice in covering-up the outrageous and illegal actions of the IRS.*

*It is impossible for the Obama administration to conduct a credible investigation into the growing volume of wrongdoing at the IRS, and congressional investigators are being stonewalled by the Obama administration at every turn. The only way of learning the truth is with a special prosecutor. If Eric Holder refuses to appoint one, it would be tantamount to obstruction and he should be impeached by the House of Representatives.*

*The time for a special prosecutor is long overdue. Where there's smoke there's fire, and right now, we see so much smoke billowing out of the IRS, I'm surprised they haven't been slapped with sanctions for contributing to global warming.*

*Not since the Nixon administration have we seen the government go to such lengths to intimidate people. The American people deserve to know the depths to which their government can sink in waging intimidation campaigns against ordinary citizens who disagree with the Obama administration, and the only way we can get to the truth is with a special prosecutor.*

*We commend Senator Cruz for giving this issue the attention it deserves and applaud his courage in standing up for the people, not just in his home state of Texas, but all Americans.*

**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 advancing personal freedom, economic freedom, and a debt-free future. Visit Tea Party Patriots online at [www.TeaPartyPatriots.org](http://www.TeaPartyPatriots.org).

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