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## **TEA PARTY GROUPS STILL HARRASSED BY IRS**

*Government Demands Excessive Financial and Political Information*

**Washington, D.C.** – Tea Party Patriots today revealed the contents of a letter they received from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in response to the organization’s request for tax-exempt status demanding answers to invasive and personal questions.

“The more we have reviewed this letter the more violated I feel,” said **Jenny Beth Martin, National Coordinator of Tea Party Patriots**. “This is beyond anger and frustration, it is a violation. We are concerned the IRS thinks it has gotten away with its targeting of American citizens and will continue discriminating and harassing anyone involved in the tea party.”

“Since the law has been completely disregarded, we do not even know what to do because Tea Party Patriots no longer knows what law is being applied or how it is being applied. This type of lawless discriminatory behavior by the federal government against its own citizens is unacceptable in America where we are supposed to be a nation of laws and not of men.”

Some of the requests include:

- Provide the amounts and percentages of your total expenses that were for fundraising activities in tax year 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- Please provide copies of any advertising materials in tax year 2013.
- Please provide a detailed description of your involvement in the 2012 (Wisconsin) recall election including a description of your “strategic ground operation” as well as the percentage of time and resources you expended on this activity.

The letter states that if tax-exempt status is granted, the answers to these questions and supporting materials will be made available to the public.

**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).

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