## Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Scott Bessent Secretary of the Treasury U.S. Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20220 The Honorable Kristi Noem Secretary of Homeland Security U.S. Department of Homeland Security 3801 Nebraska Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Bessent and Secretary Noem,

We are troubled to hear that the Department of the Treasury has agreed to share taxpayer data with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to help the DHS target undocumented immigrants. We learned about this agreement in a recent court filing that included a redacted version of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) "For the Exchange of Information for Nontax Criminal Enforcement." We write today to request an unredacted copy of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The MOU contained redactions in sections detailing information on the purpose of disclosure, the required criminal statutes triggering disclosure, the duties and responsibilities of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the required information being disclosed. Given these redactions, we do not have a complete picture or understanding of the entire agreement or taxpayer data that will be shared. We are concerned that this MOU will result in grave consequences for taxpayers whose information is shared.

A 2021 U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report<sup>1</sup> found that ICE arrested 674, detained 121 and deported 70 potential U.S. citizens from 2017 - 2021. The current administration has already made numerous wrongful arrests. In March, a Maryland man lawfully in the United States was deported and imprisoned in an El Salvadoran prison due to an "administrative error."<sup>2</sup>

Based on the serious consequences resulting from the IRS sharing taxpayer data with ICE, we request a copy of the unredacted MOU by April 16, 2025.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Office, U. S. G. A. (n.d.). *Immigration Enforcement: Actions Needed to Better Track Cases Involving U.S. Citizenship Investigations*. Www.gao.gov. https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-21-487

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Feuer, A. (2025, April 6). Judge Calls Mistaken Deportation of Maryland Man a "Grievous Error." *The New York Times*. https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/06/us/politics/trump-deportation-el-salvador-judge-xinis.html

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