



May 22, 2018

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
Chairman
United States Senate
Senate Committee on Finance
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Letter in Support of Charles P. Rettig, Nomination for Commissioner of Internal Revenue Service

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

The Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) is a nonprofit, voluntary professional organization representing 28,000 members. One of the expressed goals of the TSCPA is to speak on behalf of its members when such action is in the best interest of its constituency and serves the cause of the CPAs of Texas, as well as the public interest. TSCPA has established a Federal Tax Policy Committee to represent those interests on tax-related matters. The committee has been authorized by the TSCPA Board of Directors to submit comments on such matters of interest to the committee membership. The views expressed herein have not been approved by the Board of Directors or Executive Board and, therefore, should not be construed as representing the views or policies of the TSCPA.

The TSCPA Federal Tax Policy Committee fully supports the concept that a well-regarded tax professional as Commissioner of Internal Revenue will be a benefit to quality tax administration. Therefore, we support the nomination of Charles P. Rettig to be the next Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Rettig is a highly respected tax professional with more than 35 years' experience working with the federal tax system. His background in tax practice and tax administration includes representing clients before the IRS and in federal and state courts. Rettig is a leading practitioner in representation of clients in issues of tax law, litigation and controversy, including defense of taxpayers accused of tax crimes.

Rettig served as chair of the IRS Advisory Council (IRSAC). He has spoken at various professional association programs and is highly regarded for his seasoned expertise. He brings a strong reputation among the practitioner community for ethical behavior. He serves on the boards of various charitable organizations, and we understand that he brings a positive attitude to resolving problems.

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The *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* is the most sweeping tax law change in over 30 years, and we need an IRS Commissioner who understands the practical side of tax administration and who can also be a strong leader and manager. We believe that these needed attributes make it important to have a seasoned tax practitioner like Rettig in that position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. A. Mondrik', written in a cursive style.

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Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants

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