

July 9, 2020

Ms. Erin M. Collins
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Office of The Taxpayer Advocate
Internal Revenue Service
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Dear Ms. Collins:

On behalf of the 28,000 members of the Texas Society of CPAs (TXCPA), we would like to extend our warmest congratulations on your recent appointment as National Taxpayer Advocate.

We appreciate your more than 35 years in tax law. We feel that your time at the IRS Office of Chief Counsel in the Los Angeles District Counsel and your time as managing director for KPMG's tax controversy practice in the Western region give you an excellent perspective to lead the charge in protecting taxpayer rights.

Please know that you have our full support as you serve as the independent voice for taxpayers, continue pursuing the improvement of taxpayers' experience and protection of taxpayers' rights, provide support for modernizing the IRS, and contribute to its strategic management.

We have great respect for and a good working relationship with the professionals of the TAO. We hope you will consider the TXCPA and its Federal Tax Policy Committee a resource as you serve taxpayers. Our Federal Tax Policy Committee goals for this year include monitoring and commenting on, as appropriate, the implementation of the *Taxpayer First Act of 2019* and assessing the discernible and potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on tax administration efficiencies. This is in addition to our continued monitoring of and, as appropriate, commenting on proposed federal tax legislation and Treasury regulations, as well as IRS pronouncements, rulings, news and other items of concern or interest. We recognize the unique challenges that lie ahead and look forward to being a continued resource for your office.

We wish you the best success and look forward to working with you.

If you have any questions, or if we can assist further, please feel free to contact me at 972-687-8521 or jray@tscpa.net; or David Donnelly at 832-333-7431 or ddonnelly@cricpa.com.

Sincerely,



Jodi Ann Ray, CAE
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cc: Bridget T. Roberts, Deputy National Taxpayer Advocate