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Dear Kathy and John,

Thank you for sharing the National Society of Accountant's proposal for a "Tax Practitioners Bill of Rights." I had the opportunity to review it after the Orlando Tax Forum in September 2015. It contains several commendable, common sense ideas, articulated as rights and aimed at addressing some of our mutual concerns about the tax system.

Like you, I am deeply concerned about the uncertainty and practical challenges that can result from late-year or retroactive tax legislation, and the decline in taxpayer services that has resulted from diminished IRS funding. And I welcome your suggestions for aligning our operations with your business needs. I appreciate your acknowledgement of the consequences of IRS funding reductions and your support for funding increases.

I am grateful for the long partnership the IRS has enjoyed with the National Society of Accountants. We recognize the vital role tax practitioners play in the proper functioning of the tax system and we look forward to continuing to work together to improve the system for taxpayers.

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Sincerely,

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