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**The National Treasury Employees Union**

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**VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

The Honorable John Koskinen  
Commissioner  
Internal Revenue Service  
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 3241  
Washington DC 20224

Dear Commissioner Koskinen:

I am writing to request a comprehensive briefing on the IRS's proposed plans for Submission Processing operations. Since NTEU was not given pre-decisional input in this matter, NTEU requires a great deal more information to evaluate this proposal and its potential impact on taxpayers, employees and affected communities.

As you know, plans to eliminate Submission Processing operations at certain locations could have a devastating impact on the dedicated IRS employees represented by NTEU who have been diligently doing this work, in some cases, for decades. The well-being of those employees who could be affected is NTEU's highest priority.

With that in mind, NTEU is seeking detailed information about any analysis the IRS has related to these proposed plans, including e-filing trends, staffing and workload at the Submission Processing sites, projections about future workload and staffing in Submission Processing, as well as projections about future workload and staffing for other IRS operations. We also request any information the IRS has on the potential short and long term costs and savings associated with this proposal.

NTEU is committed to ensuring that dedicated Submission Processing employees are treated fairly and that any decision by the IRS that could potentially harm their livelihoods is avoided if humanly possible. Once we have sufficient information, NTEU will exercise its bargaining rights on behalf of our members at the Submission Processing sites.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and to a prompt scheduling of this briefing.

Sincerely,



Anthony M. Reardon  
National President