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Dear Representatives,

I write today on behalf of millions of Americans for Prosperity activists in all 50 states as you consider a pair of bills, H.R. 5444 and H.R. 5445, which will institute reforms at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). While these reforms are a step in the right direction, this week's reform package will be a missed opportunity if it does not also include legislation from Rep. Peter Roskam, the Preventing IRS Abuse and Protecting Free Speech Act, H.R. 4916.

H.R. 4916 includes crucial and much-needed reforms that would prohibit the IRS from collecting the names, addresses or any other identifying information from contributors to any 501(c) organizations, otherwise known as non-profit or charitable organizations. These groups are essential to civil society and provide important and charitable functions to our country.

Americans throughout the country, including our AFP activists, have witnessed in recent years how the IRS has used and abused personal information of contributors in ways that are dangerous to free speech and democracy. H.R. 4916 would prevent these abuses, protect the rights and privacy of everyday Americans, and guard against bureaucratic overreach.

This week, the House of Representatives aims to refocus the IRS to be more responsive to their customers and to provide increased cybersecurity measures to protect the sensitive information they collect. These steps, while admirable, will be incomplete without the inclusion of legislation like H.R. 4916. Without prohibiting the IRS collection of personal donor information, which has already led to targeting by states Attorneys General, Members of Congress leave the door open to further misuse and abuse in the future.

As lawmakers seek out ways to improve the IRS and protect taxpayers, we urge Congress to swiftly take up and pass H.R. 4916 as part of this year's efforts to finally put an end to IRS mishandling of information. We look forward to working with any and all members who will support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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