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ATTN: Carl Malamud
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Dear Mr. Malamud:

I have received your e-mail correspondence dated September 13, 2010 regarding social security numbers being published as part of tax-exempt organization returns available to the public. As part of your correspondence, you asked if your e-mail could be treated as a formal complaint. Your e-mail is being referred to our Hotline complaint office within the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for consideration. In addition, we are reviewing your complaint within the Office of Audit function.

The Office of Audit currently does not have any ongoing or planned audits to review the issues you have raised.¹ However, I have asked our auditors to perform a preliminary assessment of the information you provided and the laws surrounding the issues you surfaced. If we determine that the area warrants a full audit, we will schedule the audit when audit resources become available and issue a report once the audit is complete.²

¹ Our annual audit plan can be viewed at http://www.treas.gov/tigta/oa_auditplans.shtml. In our Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Audit Plan, tax-exempt audits are generally found under the major management challenge entitled Tax Compliance Initiatives in Appendix X.

² TIGTA final reports are posted by fiscal year for public viewing at http://www.treas.gov/tigta/oa_auditreports.shtml.

If you have additional concerns or details about your complaint or if you have future correspondence of other allegations, please send them to the TIGTA Hotline Office, P.O. Box 589, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-0589; or call the TIGTA Hotline (toll free) at 1-800-366-4484.

Sincerely,

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