



June 27, 2016

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

Dear Commissioner Koskinen,

As representatives of the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP), we are proud to write to you in support of the IRS Security Summit. As you may be aware, we have been participating in many meetings on the important topic of identity theft, as well as within the Security Summit and its workgroups.

We have great respect for the leadership you have shown in an effort to combat the criminals who are determined to make victims out of as many taxpayers as possible. As an association representing more than 23,000 tax professionals who serve more than 8 million taxpaying clients, we are committed to providing answers and solutions for our members.

In addition to our participation on the Security Summit, we are actively providing education and information, including:

- **NATP National Conference and IRS National Tax Forums** – presenting multiple sessions on Identity Theft by NATP Instructor and Security Summit member, Larry Gray, CPA and the National ID Theft Coordinator for IRS Criminal Investigation, Mark Kahler.
- **NATP Tax Forums** – presenting multiple sessions on Identity Theft intended to teach practitioners how to recognize common signs of identity theft, how to establish proper office procedures for protecting clients' information, and how to assist a client who has been a victim of identity theft.
- **NATP TAXPRO Summer Journal** – Our national publication recently contained an extensive article on the current state of identity theft and the efforts to combat it.
- **NATP Community** – Our members use our online community to share experiences and advice on how they are helping their clients through the challenges of identity theft.

As you can see, NATP is in step with you and the IRS' priority to decrease the risk of identity theft. We will continue to educate our members and the tax preparer community. We look forward to continuing our efforts through the Security Summit and in any other way we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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Gerard Cannito, CPA
NATP President

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Scott Artman, CPA
NATP Executive Director

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Larry Gray, CPA
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