

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Reporters and Editors

**From:** The Communications Office of Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.)

**Re:** Baucus Comments on Accusations that IRS Targeted Political Groups for Greater Oversight

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) made the following statement today in response to reports that Internal Revenue Service singled out groups seeking tax-exempt status based upon their political affiliation.

**“These actions by the IRS are an outrageous abuse of power and a breach of the public’s trust. Targeting groups based on their political views is not only inappropriate but it is intolerable.**

**“Americans expect the IRS to do its job without passion or prejudice. We need to get to the bottom of what happened here. I want to see all the facts. We need to know who knew what, and exactly what mistakes were made. The American people have questions for the IRS and I intend to get answers. I want to review the Inspector General’s report first, but the IRS should be prepared for a full investigation into this matter by the Senate Finance Committee. The IRS will now be the ones put under additional scrutiny.”**