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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Attention: Theresa Pattara

Dear Senator Grassley:

I am writing to update you on our veteran hiring initiatives for Fiscal Year 2009.

I am pleased to report that the IRS has aggressively worked to recruit veterans and has exceeded 1,000 veteran hires for the last 3 years. In fact, 7 percent of the new hires in FY 2008 were veterans, and we exceeded our FY 2008 hiring goal by 20 percent. Veterans accounted for 9 percent of new hires in FY 2009. In FY 2010, we are now tracking at 10 percent. The numbers below describe our veteran hiring in more detail:

FY 2008	1,203	or 7 percent of new hires	(364 were disabled veterans)*
FY 2009	1,669	or 9 percent of new hires	(528 were disabled veterans)*
FY 2010 to date	1,109	or 10 percent of new hires	(398 were disabled veterans)*

* refers to veteran new hires receiving preference based on a service-connected disability.

I am also pleased to report that disabled veterans comprise about 1/3 of the veteran hires each year.

We will continue to go the extra mile to match the fine men and women returning from service in the armed forces with opportunities at the IRS where they can continue to serve.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Floyd Williams, Director of Legislative Affairs, at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Douglas H. Shulman