

The following updated table reflects the results of the IRS's search of its limited records for section 6103(f) requests for returns or return information of individual and organization taxpayers since 2005. We caution that the most complete source of information is likely to be found in the tax-writing committees' archives.

Results of IRS Search for Section 6103(f) Requests for Taxpayer Information from Finance Committee / Ways and Means Committee from 2005 to Present (Individuals and Organizations)		
Year	Requests for Tax Returns	Requests for Return Information
2019	1 (Chairman Neal's request)	1 (Chairman Neal's request)
2018	0	0
2017	0	0
2016	0	0
2015	0	0
2014	0	0
2013	0	2
2012	0	1
2011	1	1
2010	0	0
2009	0	0
2008	0	0
2007	0	0
2006	1	1
2005	0	0

Beyond Chairman Neal's request, the IRS has identified in its records two requests since 2005 for returns or return information of individual taxpayers. In 2011, then-Ways and Means Committee Chairman Camp requested information about the IRS's gift tax examinations of multiple taxpayers, where media reports had suggested that the examinations were politically motivated. In 2013, a committee chairman requested return information – but not an individual return – regarding whether a Member of Congress had been audited, after committee staff had discovered an email from an IRS employee complaining about the Member of Congress and suggesting an audit. Although section 6103(a) prevents us from sharing the information and documents, if any, provided in response to these two requests, the IRS informs us that it did respond to the requests.

The IRS has also identified in its records one additional request since 2005 for returns or return information of organizations. That request involved a 2012 House Ways and Means Committee investigation regarding alleged taxpayer mistreatment in connection with applications for section 501(c)(4) status. The IRS has been unable to locate a copy of the request letter. Although section 6103(a) prevents us from sharing the information and documents, if any, provided in response to this request, the IRS informs us that it did respond to the request.

In addition to the requests that have been identified in the IRS's records, we are able to confirm three requests since 2005 from the Senate Finance Committee that are publicly available. In 2006, the Committee requested return information regarding the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). That same year, the Committee requested tax returns of certain oil and gas companies. In 2013, the Committee also requested return information regarding alleged taxpayer mistreatment in connection with applications for 501(c)(4) status.