

February 10, 2023

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
Senate Finance Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo:

I write on behalf of the National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA) to express our support of President Biden's nomination of Danny Werfel for IRS Commissioner. NAEA represents the interests of nearly 60,000 enrolled agents (EAs) worldwide. We are the nation's leading community for EAs – from aspiring practitioners to experts with decades of experience – who play a vital role in tax administration.

Danny Werfel has an impressive resume. He demonstrated throughout his career the ability to take on tough, complex projects and to drive change. In the public sector, Mr. Werfel demonstrated this ability both as the Controller for the Office of Management and Budget and later as Acting Commissioner at the IRS. In the private sector, he has focused on large public sector projects with particular emphasis on organizational change, IT modernization, and business process improvements.

We believe his experience and skills uniquely prepare him to lead an agency at a crossroads. As federally authorized tax practitioners, EAs have struggled to represent taxpayers before an over-committed and under-resourced agency. The \$80 billion authorized for the agency through the Inflation Reduction Act provides a once in a generation opportunity to build a taxpayer-centric organization.

NAEA has urged the IRS to focus on these fundamental tasks: improve customer service, create robust digital tools for tax practitioners, and deploy smarter and modernized technology. The agency will need a transformational leader to revitalize its workforce and rebuild a tax administration system that works for all taxpayers.

NAEA strongly supports the nomination of Danny Werfel and appreciates the thoughtful and swift consideration of the Senate Finance Committee towards his nomination.

Sincerely,



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