## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Daniel Werfel Commissioner Internal Revenue Service U.S. Department of the Treasury 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20224

Dear Commissioner Werfel,

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to serving American taxpayers. I write to you today on behalf of my constituents to respectfully request that you extend the impending October 16, 2023 federal tax filing and payment extension deadline for individuals affected by the horrific and devastating terrorist attacks against Israel.

As you know, on Saturday, October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched a coordinated and massive invasion of Israel by air, land, and sea, firing thousands of rockets across the border and southern part of the country; infiltrating towns and kibbutzim; kidnapping civilians, including women, children and the elderly; and murdering innocent civilians with mad abandon. At least 27 American citizens have been murdered, and more remain unaccounted for. In the midst of this ongoing nightmare, many American taxpayers who reside in or are currently in the region will now find it difficult to submit their 2022 returns before the tax filing extension deadline.

As the State Department works to assist U.S. citizens in the region, I encourage you to aid in these efforts by extending the tax filing extension deadline for affected individuals. This simple action will ensure our constituents abroad can attend first and foremost to their physical safety and security. I greatly appreciate your leadership and dedication to serving American taxpayers and urge you to swiftly address this one discrete and eminently solvable issue for our constituents. Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Jamie Raskin