



August 20, 2022

**DELIVERED BY EMAIL**

Commissioner Charles Rettig  
Internal Revenue Service  
1111 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C., 20224

Dear Commissioner Rettig:

I write regarding the safety and security of IRS employees – which I know is a matter of utmost importance to the IRS and NTEU. You have repeatedly demonstrated your support for the dedication and professionalism of the IRS workforce in your public statements and your willingness to listen to NTEU’s concerns. I am sure you are aware of the recent dangerous and false rhetoric by some politicians and others. NTEU and our members are increasingly worried about their safety, and we ask that you immediately take steps to enhance security at IRS facilities and take measures to minimize placing employees in settings where they are at risk.

IRS workers are often targeted due to the nature of their work, which requires close interaction with the public. Too many times in the past, we have seen anti-government, anti-worker statements fuel violent attacks on innocent federal employees. I was sickened to read a report of one political candidate who condoned shooting federal employees, including IRS employees “on sight.” These public servants are doing the job that Congress asked of them, and they deserve to be protected.

I request that the IRS undertake a comprehensive review of safety and security measures at all IRS facilities. The review should consider whether each facility has, among other things: the proper risk assessment security level designation; sufficient entry control systems, including guards or other armed presence and magnetometers; sufficient perimeter security; exterior lighting; proper designation of restricted areas; and operable security equipment. The last review of this type was done after the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in 1995.

I also ask that, for the time being, the IRS minimize the amount of field work by IRS employees while these harmful statements circulate on news outlets and on social media and continue to incite violence against federal employees. Additionally, TIGTA and the Federal Protective Service should step up their efforts to protect IRS employees.

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I appreciate your urgent attention to this matter.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the dedicated employees of the IRS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anthony M. Reardon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'A'.

Anthony M. Reardon  
National President