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Via Email
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Cono Namorato to be Assistant Attorney General
for the Tax Division of the Department of Justice

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

This letter supplements a previous submission I joined on April 22, 2015, concerning the nomination of Cono R. Namorato of Virginia as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Department of Justice Tax Division. I was a Deputy Commissioner of the IRS when Mr. Namorato served as the Director of the IRS Office of Professional Responsibility. I recently located two letters of commendation that were sent to Mr. Namorato regarding his service in that position and have attached them for the Committee's consideration. One was from Senators Charles E. Grassley and Max Baucus, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Finance Committee during Mr. Namorato's service with the IRS, and the other is from the IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. I thought the Committee might find them of interest in evaluating Mr. Namorato's prior government service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Matthews".

Mark E. Matthews

Attachments

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March 30, 2006

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Mr. Cono Namorato
Director, Office of Professional Responsibility
Internal Revenue Service
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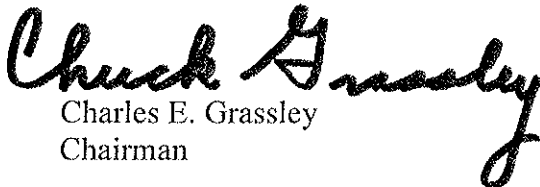
Dear Mr. Namorato:

We understand that you will resign soon as the Director of the Internal Revenue Service Office of Professional Responsibility. We would like to join with your family, friends, and colleagues in thanking you for your service to the American taxpayer and for the exceptional assistance you provided to the Committee on Finance during your tenure.

Since you joined the Office of Professional Responsibility, the IRS has pursued a number of important investigations into allegations of misconduct or negligence against tax practitioners and vigorously enforced the standards of practice for those who represent taxpayers before the IRS. You have worked closely with our Committee to address the erosion of professional standards among some attorneys and accountants and provided valuable insight to improving the rules governing tax practitioners. Your counsel and recommendations have helped to restore faith in the tax system.

You have accomplished much on behalf of the American taxpayer. We thank you for your service and wish you every success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,


Charles E. Grassley
Chairman


Max Baucus
Ranking Member



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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

March 22, 2006

Mr. Cono R. Namorato
Director, Office of Professional Responsibility
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1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Cono:

As you leave the IRS after two years as Director of the Office of Professional Responsibility, I want to extend my sincere thanks for the contributions you have made to the Internal Revenue Service, and to me personally. You brought the Office of Professional Responsibility into the mainstream of tax administration, taking a leading role in our effort to promote ethical behavior by tax professionals. The credibility and insight you brought to this effort made it possible for us to change the dialog and marshal the energies of the Service and tax professionals to achieve this important goal. In addition, your representation of the Service in our relationships with the Department of Justice and your unflinching pursuit of balanced civil and criminal enforcement strategies set new standards for what we can achieve in the broader fight against abusive tax shelters.

You came back to the Service after a distinguished career in both the public and private sectors. Your willingness to once again accept the call to public service, bringing to this important task your personal reputation and credibility, was in the highest traditions of public service. On behalf of your many colleagues and admirers, I thank you for a job well done, and wish you and your family all the best.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Everson

*Cono - You have been a major force
for the good guys! Thank you.*