



United States District Court For The Southern District Of Ohio: NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, UNITED STATES, April 22, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A Court has allowed, or “certified,” a class action against the IRS. You may be a member of the class. This notice explains your legal rights and options that you may exercise before the Court holds a trial to determine the merits of the claims. The Honorable Judge Susan J. Dlott of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio is overseeing this class action. The lawsuit is known as NorCal Tea Party Patriots v. Internal Revenue Service, Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-00341.

WHO'S AFFECTED?

You are a “class member,” and your rights may be affected, if you fall within the following description: All entities that, at any time from February 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013, filed an Application for Recognition of Tax Exemption with the IRS under 26 U.S.C. §§ 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) and had their application flagged by the IRS as an “Advocacy” case using the criteria: (a) “Tea Party,” “Patriots” or “9/12 Project”; (b) government spending, government debt or taxes; (c) education of the public by advocacy or lobbying to “make America a better place to live”; or (d) criticism of how the country is being run.

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

This lawsuit claims that the IRS unlawfully discriminated and retaliated against certain groups in the course of processing their Applications for Tax-Exemption under 26 U.S.C. §§ 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4). On behalf of the class, the lawsuit claims that the IRS violated the taxpayer privacy statute, 26 U.S.C. § 6103, by repeatedly inspecting class members' tax information without a lawful tax administration purpose, as required. The taxpayer privacy statute provides a taxpayer \$1,000.00 in damages per unlawful inspection. The IRS denies liability and has asserted defenses to the action. The Court has not determined the merits of Plaintiffs' claims.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

You have the choice to stay in the class or exclude yourself from the class. By doing nothing, you stay in the class and keep the possibility of getting money from the IRS through a trial or settlement. However, you will lose your right to sue the IRS separately at your own expense. The Court has appointed lawyers to represent the class, so you do not need to hire your own lawyer if you stay in the class. Nonetheless, you may still hire a lawyer at your own expense to enter an appearance for you, if you so choose.

If you don't want any payments obtained from this lawsuit and you don't want to be legally represented by it, you must exclude yourself. You will keep your right to sue the IRS separately at your own expense about the same claims in this lawsuit. You may exclude yourself by sending written

notice with your name, address, and a statement that you wish to be excluded from the class to: United States District Court, c/o Class Action Notice, P.O. Box 90425, Alexandria, Virginia 22309. Your exclusion must be postmarked by May 3, 2016 to be effective.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Please call the court-appointed Class Counsel for this lawsuit, [Graves Garrett, LLC](http://www.gravesgarrett.com), at (816) 256-3181. Communications with class counsel are privileged and will be kept strictly confidential.

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