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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Committee on Appropriations Chairman
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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Committee on Appropriations Vice Chairman
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The Honorable Mike Enzi
Committee on the Budget Chairman
624 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Bernie Sanders
Committee on the Budget Ranking Member
624 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Committee Chairs, Vice Chair, and Ranking Member:

On behalf of the Professional Managers Association – the non-profit professional association that has, since 1981, represented professional managers, management officials, and non-bargaining unit employees at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) – I write to highlight the importance of providing adequate funding to IRS employees during the FY2020 budgeting process.

For nearly a decade, the IRS budget has been slashed. The American people rely on the IRS to collect revenue and administer taxes effectively. When Congress consistently reduces the agency's budget this mission is increasingly difficult. Ongoing continuing resolutions, shutdowns, and budget cuts are counterproductive and will cost the American people more in the long run.

At PMA, we were encouraged when the President's FY2020 budget proposal offered the IRS a modest budget increase to \$11.5 billion. This funding, which includes dedicated funding for multi-year information technology (IT) modernization, is critical for ensuring the service can best aid taxpayers and businesses interacting with the tax system.

As Congress considers the administration's funding proposal, it should also take into account the [National Taxpayer Advocate's recent report](#), which highlights the many challenges facing the IRS as its employees work tirelessly to serve the public to their best ability. Notably, chronic underfunding of the IRS is harming the ability of the agency to best serve the public, and undermines IT modernization efforts. Congress and the administration must come together to ensure the IRS has the resources it needs to serve the public.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, and for your steadfast support of our federal workforce. Please contact PMA Washington Representative Jason Briefel (jbriefel@shawbransford.com) if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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