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The Honorable Ron Wyden Chairman Senate Finance Committee Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Mike Crapo Ranking Member Senate Finance Committee Washington, DC 20510

Re: Hearing to Consider the Nomination of The Honorable Daniel I. Werfel, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue Service

Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo:

I am writing on behalf of the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP) members to express our support for the nomination of Daniel Werfel as the next Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). NATP is the largest association dedicated specifically to providing federal tax professionals with the resources, connections and education they need to serve their clients with the highest level of excellence. Our 24,000 leading tax professional members believe in a superior standard of ethics and exemplify professional excellence as they serve more than 11 million US taxpayers.

In addition to previously serving as an interim IRS Commissioner, Mr. Werfel has held various senior positions within the federal government, including the Controller of the Office of Management Budget and OMB Deputy Director for Management. He has effectively managed large and complex organizations, bringing together diverse teams to achieve common goals. Strong leadership of the Service is needed now more than ever as priorities for the \$80 million allocation from the Inflation Reduction Act will be determined and implemented.

Our members and their clients deserve significant improvements within the IRS, and we hope Mr. Werfel's priorities will include the following:

- Technology modernization that will improve the overall efficiency of the tax filing process
- Hiring staff to make an immediate impact on wait times and customer service quality
- Training and development for current staff on new tax laws, modern customer service practices and new technologies that the agency is adopting

In conclusion, we are optimistic about the leadership that, if confirmed, Mr. Werfel can bring to the IRS. We encourage the committee to conduct a thorough and swift hearing so that significant improvements can be experienced by the US taxpayers as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering our endorsement.

Sincerely,

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