



# Federal Bar Association

## Section on Taxation

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The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter in Support of Charles P. Rettig, nominee for Commissioner of Internal Revenue

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

The Federal Bar Association's Section on Taxation (the "Tax Section") writes to express its support<sup>1</sup> for Charles P. "Chuck" Rettig for the position of Commissioner of Internal Revenue and urges the Senate Finance Committee to approve his nomination swiftly. Chuck's experiences over his 35-year career as a tax practitioner make him uniquely qualified to oversee the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS").

The Tax Section is a nonpartisan organization, the primary goals of which are to promote the welfare, interests, education, and professional growth and developments of its members; promote high standards of professional competence and ethical conduct in the practice of Federal tax law; and to provide opportunities of interaction between tax practitioners in public service and the private sector.

Chuck embodies the goals of the Tax Section not just through his tax practice, which has touched nearly all levels of tax controversy, but also through his genuine willingness to involve others in the tax bar, and especially younger practitioners. The Senate Finance Committee would not have to search long to find a tax practitioner—whether lawyer, accountant, or enrolled agent—with a heartfelt story about Chuck.

Chuck has represented individual and business taxpayers before the IRS, Department of Justice, and State tribunals, and has a deep understanding of the need for open communication between the government and taxpayers. Chuck has chaired numerous advisory panels, symposia, and conferences, and is a fixture at bar association meetings, including the Tax Section's annual Tax Law Conference in Washington where he has led the audience in discussions of practice, procedure, tax administration, and ethics.

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<sup>1</sup> This letter in support of Mr. Rettig's nomination is in the name of the Tax Section itself, and is not on behalf of the Federal Bar Association. This letter also may not reflect the views of all members of the Tax Section, its members' employers, or the Federal Bar Association.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Chuck has lent his expertise and considerable time and resources to various charitable organizations, especially to our nation's veterans. He is a co-founder and supporter of the Vets Count scholarship at the UCLA Extension program, which aims to assist active and retired military with career aspirations in tax, accounting, and financial services. Chuck has also been a long-time participant with the Advance Guard of the Wounded Warrior Project.

With the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the IRS is now faced with the challenge of implementing and administering the new law. This will require working with partners across the government as well as with the public. Each of these stakeholders will have a different view and agenda with respect to the implementation and administration of the new law. All the while, the IRS will still need to contend with stolen identify refund fraud, increasingly complex filing seasons, an aging workforce, strained budget, and enforcement of the tax law generally.

The Tax Section believes that Chuck Rettig's leadership and experience make him the right person for the difficult job of IRS Commissioner. We fully support Chuck's nomination and urge the Committee to swiftly approve his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shamik Trivedi".

Shamik Trivedi  
Chair, Section on Taxation  
Federal Bar Association

cc: Anne R. Gordon  
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