

U.S. Senate Committee on Finance

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Grassley and Baucus Raise Concerns Over OIC Program Senators Question the IRS' Administration of the Program

WASHINGTON -- Today, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley and ranking member Max Baucus released the Internal Revenue Service's response to their September 2, 2004, letter to Treasury Secretary John Snow regarding the IRS' Offer in Compromise (OIC) program.

In their September 2 letter, Grassley and Baucus questioned the IRS and Treasury's implementation and administration of the OIC program, specifically the apparent failure to use the Effective Tax Administration provision enacted as part of the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998.

Based on the IRS' response, Grassley and Baucus have called for an independent investigation of the program by the Government Accountability Office.

The IRS' response to Chairman Grassley and Senator Baucus is attached.