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Dear Representative Stark:

I write to inform you that on December 9, I sent the enclosed letter, which I believe to be self-explanatory, to FBI San Francisco Special Agent in Charge Stephanie Douglas. I am requesting any assistance you are able to provide toward prompting an FBI investigation.

I wish to thank you for your efforts on my behalf that began in August 2010, and for maintaining the "volumes of correspondence" file you alluded to in your November 1, 2011, letter to me. To refresh, the documents in the file relate to two primary issues:

1. GM/IRS collusion: The June 21, 2010, letter to TIGTA with supporting documents, as well as a few follow-up correspondences. These items paint a clear picture of conspiracy to harass and financially damage me for GM's purposes.
2. TIGTA cover-up: On August 31, 2011, I wrote you and provided Jason Teramoto with indisputable documented evidence that TIGTA did not investigate my complaint in what appears to be a cover-up.

I believe that any reasonable person who would read those documents would agree wholeheartedly in my assessments of the wrongdoing. Furthermore, FOIA-provided TIGTA internal documents from multiple individuals contain statements known to be false. These documents alone are evidence of a cover-up, even when not combined with the surrounding evidence that clearly points to a conspired effort to avoid an investigation. I would think that murder convictions have been made based on less evidence than I provided. Correspondence you and I have received from TIGTA officials, as well as an absence of denial of my cover-up allegations, further support my observations.

Your November 1 letter to me states that you have tried to assist me to fullest extent possible within your authority as my congressional representative. While I appreciate what you have done, I am extremely disappointed that you let TIGTA get away with not investigating my complaint, as well as its gamesmanship that clearly defies the documented facts. While I realize that reading my complete file is time-consuming, Jason Teramoto is quite familiar with the details of my observation of wrongdoing – I would be surprised if he hasn't privately told you that he agrees with my observations.

As your letter indicates that you can do no more, I will share some very important, and possibly final, thoughts on the series of events surrounding the intentional engineering of my demise, which I consider to be a disgrace for America.

TIGTA complaint letter and response: With regard to my June 2010 TIGTA complaint letter, your efforts on my behalf were met with TIGTA's responses, which contained deceptive wording to make it appear it had done an investigation, to both you and me. As the FOIA documents prove it did not investigate, I am offended by the intelligence-insulting responses TIGTA provided to you and me, and trust that you became similarly offended after I informed Jason Teramoto of the FOIA documents on August 31.

Mr. Hungate's October 27 letter, which you included with your November 1 letter to me, further solidifies my observation of a TIGTA cover-up. It contains the same evasive doubletalk as in earlier TIGTA letters to you and me. In addition, it contains a reference to the Section 1203 issue. In my September 2 letter to you, I stated, "I request clarification from TIGTA on how it arrived at its non-1203 interpretation stated in two 'Complaint Referral Memorandum' forms." (It was this 1203 misclassification that "justified" TIGTA's non-investigation.) Mr. Hungate responded by saying,

"In Mr. Signer's letter of September 2, 2011, he stated that two of the documents he received as a result of his FOIA request classified his complaint of harassment by the IRS as a 'non-1203 violation allegation.' I want to assure you that the description of Mr. Signer's complaint on these forms had no bearing on the outcome of our inquiry."

As it would be impossible for TIGTA to defend its improper "non-1203" description, Mr. Hungate's non-responsive statement effectively acknowledges the obvious; that the "non-1203" descriptions are wrong. It then appears to be saying that even if the 1203 status had been correctly stated, it wouldn't have made any difference in the outcome. If that is what is meant, it cannot be correct, as TIGTA would be obligated to conduct a criminal investigation of the alleged 1203 violation, rather than perform a dead-end "inquiry."

While your efforts did not produce the investigation that TIGTA should have performed, they were successful in generating the multiple response gamesmanship that would further solidify in the mind of any reasonable person that TIGTA engaged in a cover-up. As there had to be something to cover up, it could only be internal evidence proving the accuracy of my allegations of GM/IRS collusion.

Furthermore, a series of letters containing my allegations of a TIGTA cover-up failed to generate any response from addressees listed below. The lack of denial of my allegations clearly signifies to me that they are accurate. Following are the aforementioned addressees who failed to respond:

- 8/5/11: Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration J. Russell George
- 8/22/11: Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner
- 9/9/11: Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration J. Russell George
- 9/10/11: President Barack Obama

Treasury Department role in GM's engineering of my demise: I would like to assure that the Treasury Department's involvement with me is clear in your mind. GM's engineering of my demise for its misguided factory takeover plan began in 1998, and then continued until the Treasury Department assisted GM in finishing me off with multiple actions in the end. Following

is a summary of events in which the Treasury Department damaged me, I believe in support of GM's wishes:

- 2005: First ever IRS audit on my dealership corporation
- 2008: First ever IRS audit on me personally. (IRS ultimately admitted audit tax assessment was wrong, and reversed it in 2010 after extensive effort on my part.)
- 2009: Treasury Department-supported GM confiscation of my franchises (and those of hundreds of other dealers) for the purpose of giving them to a favored person. This action resulted from the \$50 billion TARP bailout of GM.
- 2010-2011: Apparent TIGTA cover-up by way of its refusal to investigate my well-documented allegations of GM/IRS collusion.

I am reminded of a conversation I had in July 2010 with my neighbor, a native of India. I explained to him about the GM/IRS audit collusion contained in the TIGTA complaint I had just filed in June. He was shocked, and responded, "I could understand that kind of thing happening in India, but not in the United States." He went on to explain that corruption and bribery are a way of doing business in his home country. The TIGTA FOIA documents I later received make the India comparison even more shocking.

I would presume that even in India, the government doesn't authorize confiscation of private businesses for the favor of others. Coincidentally, GM gave my Buick and Cadillac franchises to a native of India in a dealership two doors down the street from mine, as noted on the home page of donsigner.com. It is noteworthy that two attorneys have filed class action suits against the federal government on behalf of dealers whose GM and Chrysler franchises were taken away, as noted in the attached article I received yesterday. I will furnish those attorneys the story of my experiences with the IRS and TIGTA. It is my belief that at least one Treasury Department motive for the alleged TIGTA cover-up was to avoid exposure of GM/IRS collusion that would draw attention to the confiscation action that was one of the darkest chapters in American history.

GM intentional destruction: Over the years leading up to my filing of suit against GM in February 2007, its various intentional demise-engineering actions denied me millions of dollars of return on investment that I documented, and was entitled to. I rejected GM's March 2007, \$5 million settlement offer (with GM indications of potential upward movement) in favor of going forward to trial where I anticipated an award in excess of \$30 million based on damages I documented. After my more than two years of preparation, GM was mysteriously able to get the judge to dismiss all eight counts in May 2009, just prior to a scheduled jury trial. This suspicious action was followed ten days later by GM filing bankruptcy on June 1, 2009.

In summary, GM cheated me out of millions of dollars, and then ultimately obtained the assistance of my country's Treasury Department to finally destroy me financially and emotionally – and both entities got away with it. As TIGTA refused to investigate, and it appears that the FBI will not investigate, and you have indicated there is nothing more you can do, my remaining recourse is to expose to the American people the corruption I have witnessed in the hopes that they will demand a cleanup. The issues that for years could have been resolved along the way by each of the involved entities have compounded over time into a mountain of evidence that makes for a ready-made national story. As the conspired parties have intentionally ruined my life, the injustice has consumed me and I will pursue this goal incessantly until responsible parties have been held accountable.

System of checks and balances has failed: As I look at the big picture of unrestrained abuse I have suffered, it appears that America's system of checks and balances has woefully failed. Last week I saw a bumper sticker that expresses my thoughts after my experiences – a tragedy in what I have thought was the greatest country in the world. The sticker stated the following:

“I LOVE MY COUNTRY BUT FEAR MY GOVERNMENT.”

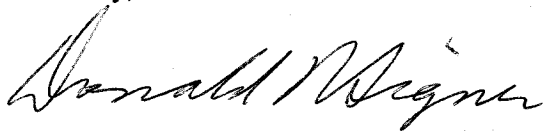
Congressional inquiries: While your letter states that you have done all you can do, I am aware of the nature of congressional inquiries, which, sadly, are usually politically motivated. In cases where members of congress see something that's not right involving a federal agency, they relentlessly demand answers and accountability. My case is not a political one; it is simply one of right and wrong. However, exposure of the GM/IRS collusion, and now TIGTA's conduct, would seemingly be very damaging to the Treasury Department and its business partner General Motors. It could also draw attention to the Treasury Department's support of its partner's unconscionable confiscation of my franchises, as well as those of hundreds of other dealers. As this was a result of the TARP bailout crafted by the Treasury Department's Presidential Task Force on the Auto Industry, it is closely tied to the Democratic Party. If my story fell into the hands of Republicans, they would undoubtedly see it as political red meat.

While I appreciate the efforts you have put forth on my behalf, they fell short of holding TIGTA, and in turn GM and the IRS, accountable. I am truly disappointed that you have allowed TIGTA to get away with blatantly obvious wrongdoing, which, disturbingly effectively condones its actions.

FBI involvement: In reference to the enclosed letter to the FBI Special Agent in Charge, it was my understanding from a discussion with Jason Teramoto that you are unable to exert any influence on the FBI, although the first FBI Agent I talked with in September indicated otherwise. If you are able to, I would appreciate your correspondence to the FBI requesting an investigation of my allegations of a TIGTA cover-up.

Thank you again for your past efforts, and in advance for any assistance you can provide with the FBI. I would appreciate it if you would let me know one way or the other if you are able to influence the FBI into investigating (not “reviewing”) my allegations of a TIGTA cover-up.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: 1. Letter to FBI San Francisco Special Agent in Charge Stephanie Douglas
2. Article about dealers suing federal government

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December 8, 2011

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Dear Ms. Douglas:

I write to inform you of the FBI's response to an issue I reported on September 1, 2011. The issue involves what clearly appears to be wrongdoing by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) in its response (or lack thereof) to a complaint I filed. Now, a series of events causes me concern that the FBI is avoiding investigating my allegations about TIGTA's wrongdoing that I have meticulously documented – proven in my opinion – and furnished to the FBI. In the following, I will summarize the history as briefly as possible. I have added the document-supported TIGTA story to my website, donsigner.com. The website describes my unbelievable experiences as a General Motors dealer, in which GM engaged in many corrupt acts to harass me out of business.

Complaint to TIGTA

I became a General Motors (GM) dealer in Fremont, California, in 1980, and then relocated to neighboring Newark at in 1995. Following is a brief timeline of events leading up to the TIGTA complaint. I wish to make it clear that my observations of intentional wrongdoing by the various parties are my opinion only, but are overwhelmingly supported by extensive documentation on donsigner.com.

- 2005 and beyond: After years of attempting unsuccessfully to convince me to sell my business for its desired factory takeover of Newark GM dealerships, GM initiated a series of harassment acts to induce my exit, two of which were unprecedented IRS audits in 2005 and 2008.
- April 2009: I filed a claim for refund of the six-figure tax the IRS assessed in the 2008 audit.
- June 2009: With the full support of the Treasury Department's Presidential Task Force on the Auto Industry and the Obama Administration, GM terminated my franchises and hundreds of others nationally when it received the Treasury Department's controversial \$50 billion TARP bailout. GM then gave my franchises to its favored, factory-backed dealer next door after it destroyed everything I had ever worked for.
- June 2010: I filed a detailed and document-supported complaint with TIGTA alleging that GM and the IRS had conspired in the audits to harass me into conceding to its wishes. I believe that the content of my complaint letter left no reasonable doubt of the accuracy of my observations.

- October 2010: After a very bizarre process reviewing my claim for refund, the IRS finally admitted its 2008 audit was wrong, and in 2011 refunded me \$121,000 with interest.

TIGTA response to my complaint

- December 2010: After my multiple status requests to TIGTA about my June complaint, and under pressure from two Members of Congress who had inquired on my behalf, TIGTA finally contacted me and (falsely I would later learn) led me to believe it would conduct a criminal investigation of my allegations. I subsequently attempted to obtain status reports, but was denied due to confidentiality reasons, after which I made a FOIA request for file documents.
- April 2011: TIGTA informed the two inquiring Members of Congress in deceptively-worded letters that clearly implied, but carefully did not directly state, that the office had conducted an investigation of my allegations. TIGTA stated that it “found no evidence” of GM/IRS harassment conspiracy.
- June 2011: After two FOIA requests and an appeal to obtain meaningful file documents, I finally received TIGTA documents that state that **TIGTA did not investigate my allegations**, thus proving that, in truth, TIGTA “found no evidence” because it didn’t look. Several of the file documents contain false statements contributing to investigation avoidance in what clearly appears to be a cover-up of the facts that confirm my allegations.
- July-September 2011: In staged progression moving up the organizational chart of TIGTA and the Treasury Department, I sent detailed letters to the top three officials at TIGTA, and then to Treasury Secretary Geithner and President Obama, alleging a cover-up and inviting their responses. I only received one response; a two-paragraph letter from the Principal Deputy Treasury Inspector General that contained the same deceptively worded statements as in the letters to the Members of Congress. He did not deny my allegation of a cover-up, or any of the factors that led to my observation.

Summary of TIGTA’s response to my complaint: The Treasury Department and GM became, and remain today, business partners as a result of the TARP bailout in 2009. President Obama and Treasury Secretary Geithner went out on a limb with the controversial auto bailout. GM and the IRS conspired to damage me before the bailout, and then GM and the Treasury Department supported GM’s confiscation of the businesses of targeted GM dealers, including me, at the time of the bankruptcy/bailout. As these are actions that one would not believe could happen in America, TIGTA’s confirmation of my allegations would likely create outrage in the view of fair-minded U. S. taxpayers, and reflect very negatively on GM and the Treasury Department, as well as the creators of the TARP bailout. As I stated in my letters to Treasury Department officials, there would appear to be a strong motive at the top of the Treasury Department to make the story go away quietly.

Report to the FBI

As TIGTA’s role is to monitor fraud, waste, and abuse within the IRS, in my opinion TIGTA itself has committed fraud. After Secretary Geithner failed to respond to my letter to him, I contacted the U. S. Attorney General’s office and explained the situation. The representative responded that I needed to contact the FBI to initiate an investigation, which would in turn provide the information to the U. S. Attorney General’s office after completion. Following is the timeline of my contact with the FBI beginning September 1, 2011.

- September 1: I made contact with an unidentified Agent at the Palo Alto FBI office and explained my situation. I informed him of my website, which he said he would read, and then call FBI white-collar crime people.
- September 6: I re-contacted the Palo Alto Agent to update him on a new item, at which time he told me that he had informed the San Jose white-collar crime unit about my website, and that they would review it to determine if there is enough to open a case.
- September 14: As I felt it was important to provide something more tangible than the telephone call, I visited the San Jose FBI office with a printed explanation and set of supporting documents to formalize the telephone discussion. I met with an unidentified Duty Agent, who informed me that there was a record of my discussion with the Palo Alto Agent. He took notes, but refused to accept my package of documents. After further discussion, he agreed to accept a short cover letter from the package.
- September 21: At a men's club dinner in Fremont, San Jose FBI Agent Daniel Davis spoke to the group. After he spoke, I privately told him about the above FBI contacts, and asked for any insight he could give me about what would be done with my case. He said he would check and call me.
- September 29: Mr. Davis informed me that there is a record of my report, and it will be reviewed. He told me that I had reported the issue to the right people. He suggested I wait a month or so to hear from the FBI, and if I didn't hear from anybody within that time, that I should visit the San Jose office again and inquire about the status.
- November 18: I visited the San Jose office and met with a different unidentified Duty Agent. I asked about the status of my report about TIGTA, to which his vague reply did nothing to give me confidence that anything had been done. I handed him the envelope containing my description of TIGTA's actions, along with many supporting documents from the TIGTA internal file. I told him that the first Agent I met with wouldn't accept the package, to which he asked why not. I responded that I didn't know. He told me he would read the package and call me. I asked him when I would hear from him, to which he replied "next week."
- November 23: As it was Thanksgiving week, after not hearing from him by Wednesday at 11:40 AM, I called and left him a message with the receptionist. She said the office would be open Friday after Thanksgiving, so I asked that the Agent call me by Friday as he promised.
- November 25: After not hearing by 3:15 on Friday, I called and left another message with the same receptionist.
- November 28: After still not hearing from the Agent, I left him a voice mail at 4:20.
- December 1: After still not hearing from the Agent, I left a voice mail for Daniel Davis, the Agent I had met on September 21, and talked with again on September 29. I left a message about the Agent's not calling me as he said he would to, and asked Mr. Davis to call me.

As of this writing, I have heard nothing from either of the above Agents, and it is apparent that I never will. While Mr. Davis is not involved in the case, and his research and call to me after I met him at the men's club dinner were done as a courtesy, the unnamed Agent I met with on November 18 committed to call me. Since he has not done so, it is apparent to me that he has been instructed not to contact me, as most likely has anybody else involved in my case.


I recognize that the FBI has a large caseload of high priority items. However, I have virtually completed the investigation of my complaint, and given it to the FBI with documented support showing the names of the many people at TIGTA involved. About the only thing left for the FBI to determine is who gave to orders for what I believe I have proven to be a TIGTA cover-up of GM/IRS conspiracy to harass me in 2005 and 2008.

Disturbingly, the FBI's lack of response to me seems eerily similar to TIGTA's avoidance of action on my well-documented complaint about GM/IRS collusion. I have seen on the FBI website that the White-Collar Crime Division investigates government corruption, and uses Inspectors General of Federal Agencies to assist. As TIGTA is an Inspector General, my complaint involves an FBI ally, which makes for an awkward investigation, similar to TIGTA investigating the Treasury's business partner, GM.

I ask that you investigate what I have described above, much of which also appears on donsigner.com. I also ask that you, or somebody in authority at either the San Francisco or San Jose FBI office, contact me with a response to my serious concerns described above. I may be reached at home at [REDACTED] or on my cell at [REDACTED]

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Cc: U. S. Congressman Pete Stark
U. S. Senator Barbara Boxer