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RE: Updated Request to Testify at IRS Hearing on Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Information Reporting on Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Large Foreign Gifts Proposed Regulations (REG-124850-08, Docket IRS-2024-0022, RIN 1545-B104)

Dear Ms. Banjanin and Ms. Wolf:

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) is updating our prior request to testify at the Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) public hearing to be held on August 21, 2024 on proposed regulations regarding transactions with foreign trusts and information reporting on transactions with foreign trusts and large foreign gifts (<u>REG-124850-08</u>, Docket IRS-2024-0022, RIN 1545-B104) (dated 5/8/24).

We now plan to have two witnesses for AICPA - Henry P. Alden, II, CPA/PFS and Karen Brodsky, CPA.

Henry P. Alden, II, CPA/PFS is the Chair of the AICPA Form 3520 Penalties Task Force. Mr. Alden is a Managing Member at Everest International Group, LLC.

Karen Brodsky, CPA is the Immediate Past Chair and Current Member of the AICPA Form 3520 Penalties Task Force. Ms. Brodsky is a Partner at Deloitte Tax LLP.

An updated outline of the testimony is below:

- 1. Foreign trusts that are part of a foreign pension system or retirement plan
- 2. Foreign gifts made to U.S. persons

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- 3. Penalty issues
- 4. Loans made from foreign trusts under section 643(i)
- 5. The calculation methods that are used to compute U.S. taxes on a distribution from a foreign trust
- 6. Issues involving how to properly classify certain foreign entities for U.S. tax purposes

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Sincerely,

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