



U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON

Finance

SENATOR CHUCK GRASSLEY, OF IOWA - CHAIRMAN

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MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and Editors
Re: New report on civil tax liabilities
Da: Monday, March 15, 2004

Sen. Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Committee on Finance, today made the following comment on a new report from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. The report is "Courts Are Not Always Notified When Criminals Fail to Comply With Their Sentences to Settle Civil Tax Liabilities," Reference Number: 2004-10-060. The report is attached.

"The old saying is, if you can't do the time, don't do the crime. Now it seems you don't have to do the time or even pay a dime. The IRS appears to be ignoring its greatest weapon to stop tax cheating. That's making the cheaters pay. It looks like the IRS has locked the jailhouse door and left the key in it. The message seems to be that crime pays. The IRS needs to use its resources to enforce these penalties."