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Wetumpka TEA Party Continues Call for Accountability After Unacceptable IRS Court Ruling

Wetumpka, AL-Becky Gerritson, President of the Wetumpka TEA Party, called Thursday's US District Court's ruling to dismiss two lawsuits against the IRS by dozens of TEA Parties and other conservative groups , "outrageous" .

The IRS's targeting of conservatives first came to the public's attention in May of 2013, when Lois Lerner, then head of the IRS's Tax Exempt Office, tried to minimize the seriousness of their despicable action when she answered a planted question from the audience while speaking to the American Bar Association. The targeting of conservatives began in 2009 and reached its height during the 2012 election cycle. Some conservative groups have still not received their well-deserved tax exempt status even to this day. In 2013 the Wetumpka TEA Party along with 40 other conservative groups filed a law suit with the American Center for Law and Justice, (ACLJ) against the IRS for its illegal targeting of conservatives.

"When you look at the allegations [in our lawsuit](#) along with evidence uncovered by Congressional committees and Judicial Watch, it is undeniable that the IRS is guilty of wrongdoing. However, Judge Walton basically said that since we finally received our tax status (after almost 2 years of waiting) that we now have no case. That's like a judge telling a burglary victim, that even though she was robbed 2 years ago; since she does not currently have the thieves in her house, she has no case. This ruling is unbelievable! It's so much more than just a delay of a tax exempt status; it's about the IRS, a government agency, being used as a weapon against its citizens, i.e. violating our constitutional rights, invading our privacy, bullying and intimidating us, mishandling and leaking our confidential taxpayer information etc., not to mention the ensuing cover-up; and we cannot fight back...we have no recourse."

Gerritson continued, "The judge did not base his decision on the merits of the case. In fact, he did not deny wrong doing by the IRS but dismissed the case on procedural grounds. He wrote in a footnote: "The court's opinion should not be interpreted as an assessment of the propriety of the alleged conduct by the defendants." It's unfathomable that the IRS, one of the most feared government agencies in America, was able to engage in a massive, years-long illegal targeting scheme against everyday American's and get away with it scot-free. This is a huge blow to Americans' liberty. If the IRS was allowed to target and harass Americans on such a large scale with no repercussions then what will stop them in the future?"

Gerritson concluded by saying, "This isn't over for us. We will not be silent. We commend and support the ACLJ's plan to appeal the ruling. We will continue to do everything we can to stand up for citizens' rights, expose government's abuse of power and hold them accountable for their actions."