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Dear	
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I am responding to your inquiry to Senator Maria Cantwell asking for the latest information about a decision on the taxation of distributions from the settlement of the lawsuit. Senator Cantwell asked me to respond to you directly.

I regret that the law prohibits me from responding to you about your inquiry (section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code). I cannot disclose any taxpayer return information, including information about whether a matter is pending before the IRS and information about the status of any matter pending before the IRS, without the written authorization of the taxpayer or taxpayers affected by the disclosure.

I am sorry that I cannot provide any information. If you have further questions, please contact (ID#) at .

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Maria Cantwell