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IRS Liens & Levies on Small Business Can be Job Killer, alliantgroup warns

*NEW TREASURY IG REPORT RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT TAXPAYERS RIGHTS,
ERRORS IN LIEN PROCESSING*

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WASHINGTON – In light of a new report by the Treasury Inspector General showing that the IRS made errors which could result in violations of taxpayers' rights, former Senate Finance Committee Chief Counsel and alliantgroup National Managing Director Dean Zerbe released the following statement:

“Placing a lien or levy without protecting the rights of a business owner is a job killer and dries up access to credit overnight. Too often the IRS hands out liens and levies like they are candy – without consideration for the direct impact the liens and levies will have on the small business owner or the economy as a whole. The result is devastating consequences for jobs. In this economy, the IRS and the Administration could do a world of good for small businesses by focusing on protecting taxpayer rights – and only handing out a lien or levy when it is absolutely necessary and 100 percent clear that payment is at risk.”

For more information about the Treasury TIGTA report, please visit:

http://www.treas.gov/tigta/press/press_figta-2010-39.htm

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