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Obama Administration is Out of Control and the Liberal Media Are Running Interference

As pundits and politicians dissect the carnage of ObamaCare, a serious question demands an honest answer: At what point did the president know his plan to nationalize one-sixth of the national economy was not ready for the Oct. 1 launch?

If, as he pleads with every controversy swirling around his administration, he did not know, at some point, his incompetency demands his removal from office. But it is inconceivable that Barack Obama would not know the status of his signature legislation, his very legacy.

He knew, and he had a duty to his country to delay the launch, as so many had called him to do. But this is a man who does not understand civility. He did the opposite.

He allowed a partial shutdown of the federal government in order to harm the credibility of his Republican critics. Worse, his administration deliberately harmed American citizens in what can only be described as a rampant abuse of power.

On Oct. 2, a flight of elderly veterans landed in Washington, D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial. When they arrived they found barricades surrounding the open-air site, announcing the space was closed "Because of the Federal Government SHUTDOWN."

Armed security agents were deployed, deemed "essential" to keep these veterans, arguably the most noble Americans alive, out of their own memorial.

It was a continuation of the president's troubling habit of using the federal government as a weapon to inflict pain on Americans when it suits his purpose. With 83 percent of the government staying open and the

cost to maintain an open-air monument absolute peanuts, there was no need to do this, none whatsoever.

Yet countless monuments, memorials and parks were closed all over America. In the process, citizens were also hassled, even threatened with arrest — all for political gain. And



President Barack Obama had a duty to delay the launch of his problem-plagued health care web site, but he doesn't understand civility and did the opposite, a decision the liberal media applauded.

that was just the start.

Breitbart's John Nolte has compiled a stunning list of 47 outrageous ways the Obama administration used the government shutdown to inflict pain on Americans. Some of the abuses include:

- Refusing to fund last-chance experimental treatment for children with cancer, even when the House passed funding for NIH, just for this purpose.
- Temporarily shutting down the Amber Alert website for missing children.

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- Forbidding priests on military bases to conduct Mass and baptisms.
- Blacking out sports and entertainment programming for our troops overseas.
- Instructing park service rangers to make life “difficult for people.”
- Forcing residents out of private homes that sit on federal lands.
- Shutting down Mt. Rushmore AND a viewing area on a highway outside the park.

And perhaps the most offensive of them all: The Obama administration denied death benefits to the families of fallen warriors.

It doesn't get more noxious than this. This is nothing new for this ethically corrupt administration.

In 2012, as part of the “sequestration” deal, Obama was forced to make cuts. Everyone knows there are untold billions of dollars wasted every week by this bloated government. But what did he cut?

School children trying to visit the White House on educational trips to the nation's capital found Obama had cut all tours of the White House.

Americans already suffering the awful burdens of airplane travel learned the FAA had been instructed to furlough air traffic controllers, to maximize disruption to flights around the country. And prior to the sequester even passing, Obama started releasing jailed illegal immigrants and blaming it on sequestration.

The unnecessary suffering inflicted on America's citizenry by this administration, using the power of the federal government as a weapon is politics at its worst. And, as with the shutdown abuses, no one ever knows who gave the order, or why. This administration won't accept an ounce of responsibility for its abuses.

I believe it screams for an investigation.

There is no more feared branch of government than the Internal Revenue Service. After countless denials it is now established that for years federal agents have been persecuting Obama's critics, flagging groups with words like “patriots” or “Tea Party” in their name and placing them in bureaucratic limbo, ensuring they would be sidelined during Obama's reelection campaign.

Individuals and corporations have been subjected to costly and ghastly federal audits. What has been this administration's response? These IRS thugs have been awarded with bonuses and promotions.

Case in point: Sarah Hall Ingram, the woman behind the IRS targeting scandal who has now been appointed to head up the IRS's ObamaCare enforcement office.

Is it not an utter disgrace that this administration refuses to tell Americans the truth surrounding the September 11, 2012 terrorist attacks on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi?

We now know the administration failed to protect Ambassador Stevens and his team when they had asked for more security. We now know they dishonestly tried to blame it on an anti-Muslim video, while refusing to acknowledge that this was a terrorist attack.

We now know about the intimidation of whistleblowers in the CIA and State Department who wanted to come forward with their stories about the attacks. This cone of silence must be lifted. We are owed answers.

Using intimidation to keep information away from the public is a common theme for this administration.

Fox News' James Rosen and reporters from the Associated Press have been targeted for investigation by Obama's Justice Department for the crime of ... investigating the government. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder told Congress he had never been associated with Rosen's case, yet it was he who signed off on the affidavit that labeled Rosen a “potential criminal.”

This is the same Eric Holder who refused to prosecute Black Panther thugs threatening voters at a 2008 polling location in Philadelphia.

The list of abuses does not end.

Four U.S. citizens (one a known terrorist) have been killed by the administration's use of unmanned drones. The “Fast and Furious” scheme allowed U.S. weapons to disappear and then be used in crimes like the December 2010 killing of a U.S. border patrol agent.

The administration lavished millions of taxpayer dollars on campaign donors who were associated with green tech failures like Solyndra. Former EPA administrator Lisa Jackson used a false name in emails to avoid transparency, end-running the will of Congress.

President Obama continues thumbing America in the eye by stalling on the Keystone pipeline as well as off-shore drilling, choosing to implement his radical climate agenda unilaterally, denying work for thousands of Americans, hurting the U.S. economy, and threatening our energy security.

He governs as a despot.

This is an administration out of control with its abuse of the federal government's power, and it needs to be stopped. Congress has a Constitutional obligation to investigate, to stop the abuse and, where laws have been broken, to bring the culprits to justice.

If President Obama didn't order these assaults on liberty, certainly he allowed them, and made no attempts to stop them. For that, there must be consequences.

Lincoln said that “if you want to test a man's character, give him power.” It's time to get definitive answers about the character of the man occupying the White House.

Sincerely,



L. Brent Bozell III
Founder and President

Liberal Media Airheads Praised and Promoted the Obamacare Website One Day Before Its Disastrous Launch



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We're working to make the experience better, and we don't want you to lose your place in line. We'll send you to the login page as soon as we can. Thanks for your patience!

There perhaps is nothing more delicious than watching a liberal media journalist eat crow, especially on video and particularly when it involves the socialist nightmare that is Obamacare.

The law's \$600-million website, HealthCare.gov, is a total disaster. It doesn't work. Few people have signed up. It is, no pun intended, dead on arrival. But, with no due diligence, no checking the facts, numerous liberal reporters praised and promoted the site one day before its crippling launch on Oct. 1.

The MRC captured that juicy bias.

Below are five of the most embarrassing endorsements of HealthCare.gov, clips of which can be viewed at www.MRC.org.

1) "Tomorrow, ordinary Americans who don't have health insurance get a chance to sign up for the first time. If you're watching right now, you don't have health care, or your mama doesn't, you can go to HealthCare.gov and sign up for health insurance. That's a good thing in America. It's crazy town up here because something good is happening in our country and some people just can't stand for something good to happen for the American people."

— CNN's *Crossfire* co-host Van Jones, 9/30



2) "This is the website folks, HealthCare.gov. If you go to this website you will find out how easy it is to read, how easy it is to navigate all the information, all the basic questions, and all the direction you need to take to get involved to get health care. This is a great guide, if I may say,



for any of you out there who feel so confused by all of these right-wing commercials that are just permeating through your television screen and also in the sound culture of the country with the right-wing talkers of America." — MSNBC's Ed Schultz, 9/30

3) "Once it's fully up and running, you'll go online, and it will be a lot like shopping for anything online on — on Amazon. You'll look at the different health insurance plans that are offered in your area and you will pick the one that works best for you and your family and you will hit 'buy'." — Bloomberg's Peter Gosselin on CBS *This Morning*, 9/28



4) "[T]his is really like going to shop for a flight on Travelocity. You're going to a place; you're comparing costs, you're choosing coverage. That's what you need to know. This is all starting tomorrow." — CBS's Jill Schlesinger, 9/30



5) "Get ready to shop at the health insurance marketplace or exchange. Think of it as a health insurance mall for your state, where each store represents a different insurance company. You'll get an easy to read map or menu of options to help you navigate which plan makes the most sense for you and your family." — ABC's Rebecca Jarvis, 9/30



Bits & Pieces



ABC, CBS, and NBC totally ignored new evidence that an IRS official violated federal law to persecute Tea Party groups.

IRS Scandal?

E-mails obtained in October by watchdog group Judicial Watch show that IRS official Lois Lerner – now in forced retirement – shared confidential information about Tea Party groups with the Federal Election Commission, in violation of federal law, but ABC, CBS, and NBC reported ... nothing. They completely ignored the stunning revelation. They are

deliberately hiding news about the scandal.

In fact, as MRC data show, ABC hasn't reported on the IRS-Tea Party issue for more than 131 days, since June 26. CBS last said anything about the scandal more than 102 days ago. NBC mentioned it on Oct. 30 in relation to problems affecting the Obama administration but that was NBC's first reference in 125 days of no IRS-Tea Party reporting. For the networks, silence is censorship.

Teddy Krueger

MSNBC's Chris Matthews continued, as is his wont, to smear conservative Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), likening him to the evil, supernatural killer in the *Nightmare on Elm Street* horror movies. On his Oct. 29 *Hardball*, Matthews pondered, "Is Ted Cruz the Republican Freddy Krueger? Let me start tonight with this grotesquerie that now presents itself as the righteous right arm of the Republican Party, this frightening Freddy Krueger that threatens this country with relentless shutdowns and credit defaults."

Matthews dragged on, "All these weeks of chain-rattling [against Obamacare] have bequeathed a voter such a dread of the Grand Old Party that they now know it as a villain to be feared." Matthews has a fondness for Krueger for back in 2009 he smeared Dick Cheney saying, "Well, he keeps coming back ... Freddy Krueger comes back in every movie and this guy is back every day."



MSNBC's Chris Matthews smeared Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), again, calling him the "Republican Freddy Krueger" – the name of a demonic killer in a Hollywood movie series.



NBC's Kristen Welker seriously reported that Republicans were responsible for the failed Obamacare web site.

HealthCare.GOP?

Although the Obamacare health insurance exchange website, HealthCare.gov, is a total disaster three-years-in-the-making, NBC decided to blame the Republican Party for the \$600-million debacle. In an Oct. 23 interview with Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) NBC's Kristen Welker seriously reported the following: "Congress repeatedly refused to authorize requests by the Obama administration for additional funding for the rollout of the health care law. Administration officials say that funding potentially could have made a difference. So does Congress, do your colleagues bear any responsibility for this rocky rollout for refusing that funding?"

You got that? GOP opposition to socialized medicine is to blame for the website built by the Obama administrations' Health and Human Services department. Welker made her ludicrous claim and then pressed Blackburn, "Why not work with Democrats to try to improve it? Why not put some tweaks on the table that might make it stronger? Why continue to tear it down?" Note to NBC: Socialism doesn't work, not even its website.

Jackboot Tactics

Armed federal officers raided former *Washington Times* reporter Audrey Hudson's home in October with a warrant to seize a potato gun — yes, a potato gun — but also seized notes from her stories about TSA security.

The networks ABC, CBS, and NBC have yet to say a word about the case. The *Washington Times* and Hudson have filed a lawsuit and, on Fox News, Hudson explained that the federal warrant to search her house specified the potato gun her husband had purchased online but said nothing of her reporter's notes.

"Once they were in the house," Hudson told Fox News on Oct. 29, "the first thing that the Homeland Security officer asks me was, 'Are you the same Audrey Hudson who wrote all of the federal air marshal stories for the *Washington Times*?' It was "clearly intimidation," she said — intimidation for the news stories she wrote critical of federal air security. Despite the harassment of a fellow journalist, the network news shows said nothing.



Armed federal agents stormed a *Washington Times* reporter's home for a potato gun and then took her research notes — ABC, CBS, NBC said nothing.

Boo Hoo

As news leaked that the National Security Administration (NSA) eavesdropped on European leaders, NBC's Andrea Mitchell was weepy over the fact that the news was hurting President Obama's popularity here and abroad. On the Oct. 28 *Today*, Mitchell lamented, "When he was a candidate, Barack Obama was a rock star in Europe. That was then, this is now,

as Europe reacts angrily to news that the U.S. spied on 35 leaders."

Mitchell moaned on, "How did the man who won the Nobel Peace Prize just months into his presidency become the subject of Europe's scorn?" The leaks by former NSA employee Edward Snowden are the problem, complained Mitchell, and are forcing Obama to



NBC's Andrea Mitchell nearly cried because Obama's popularity has declined in Europe because of the Snowden/NSA leaks.

apologize. In closing, she whined, "[T]he administration is now scrambling to answer angry allies without knowing just what Edward Snowden will leak next." Poor Obama.

Minibits

■ MSNBC's **Martin Bashir** predictably smears Ted Cruz: "He's a bit like a character who believes himself to be anointed, believes himself to be a prophet, ignores everything, and torches the place in the process. Is he the David Koresh of the Republican Party?" ■ *Daily Beast* reporter **Michael Tomasky** paints the GOP House, "Today, we have a clavern [klavern?] of sociopaths who know nothing of honor, and we have no easy way to stop them." ■ *The Washington Post's* **Karen Tumulty** wonders, "What will it take to save the Republicans from the self-destructive impulses of the Tea Party movement?" ■ MSNBC's **Thomas Roberts** scolds Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), "Congresswoman, when it comes to Obamacare, do you hate Obamacare more than you love your country? Because you've taken the government hostage through a shutdown, and all the American people you're walking them to a cliff." ■ *Atlanta-Journal Constitution's* **Cynthia Tucker** explains opposition to Obama in a tweet: "I knew some whites would have difficulty w/a browner America but didn't know they'd wanna destroy the country over it." ■ CNN's **Brian Todd** slams GOP over the shutdown, "The suicide caucus is comprised of 80 hard-line Republicans who got the ball rolling toward a government shutdown." ■ Ex-*Washington Post* reporter **Carl Bernstein**, apparently sober, fumes, "Eric Cantor and his Republican Party are the most dangerous demagogic force in American politics since Joe McCarthy." ■ One day before the opening of the Obamacare website, MSNBC's **Ed Schultz** gushed, "If you go to this Web site, you will find out how easy it is to read, how easy it is to navigate all the information, all the basic questions, and all the direction you need to take to get involved, to get health care. This is a great guide, if I may say, for any of you out there who feel so confused by all of these right-wing commercials that are just permeating through your television screen." Ed, call your office. Read more at www.MRC.org.



MSNBC's Martin Bashir hatefully smears Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) as the "David Koresh of the Republican Party."



Liberal Networks Censor 'Retirement' of Disgraced IRS Hack Lois Lerner

Although the evidence available proves that IRS official Lois Lerner was deeply involved in the harassment of Tea Party groups applying for tax-exempt status, and new evidence shows Lerner illegally shared Tea Party details with the Federal Election Commission, the left-wing news networks have not reported on her forced retirement and her \$50,000-plus-a-year pension.

That's censorship by omission. Lerner, to avoid the congressional hot seat and further public scrutiny, retired on Sept. 23, and ABC, CBS, and NBC said nothing. They gave the issue absolutely zero coverage.

Instead, as the MRC documented and exposed, on that day, the CBS Evening News highlighted the popularity of the iPhone; NBC News with Brian Williams hyped the winners of the Emmys; and ABC's *World News with Diane Sawyer* fawned over Mick Jagger becoming a grandfather.

In a press release about the networks' censoring of Lerner's retreat from the public square, MRC President Brent Bozell said, "Disgraced IRS hack Lois Lerner is getting a taxpayer-funded golden parachute, and the Tea Party-hating liberal media are making sure their hero has a nice soft landing. The news of her retirement and her pension reportedly worth more than \$50,000 was censored by ABC, CBS, and NBC.

"In spite of constantly mounting evidence to the contrary – including some of Lerner's own emails – the media are still dismissing this major scandal as a case of bureaucratic buffoonery," he said. "This is a coordinated, politically motivated attack by a powerful government agency on American citizens, plain and simple.

Bozell continued, "Lerner is at the dead center of the worst scandal in decades, and the very people she targeted for IRS harassment are now on the hook for her pension. Few people in America today deserve more scrutiny from the press than she does. Her alleged actions, motives, and lies have rocked the American people's faith in government, and she must be held accountable."

To learn how you can help fight the liberal media's censorship of the IRS-Tea Party scandal, visit the MRC Action page at www.MRC.org, or call the MRC at 1-800-672-1423.

Visit MRC.org to read more about these (and many other) IRS scandal stories the media censored.

- Newly Obtained E-Mails Show Lois Lerner Illegally Gave Tea Party Tax Info to FEC
- IRS Official May Have Traded Confidential Taxpayer Info with White House, Big Three Networks Censor
- Dr. Ben Carson Targeted by IRS After Prayer Breakfast with Barack Obama
- Lois Lerner Retires From IRS, Big Three Networks Censor
- IRS Still Tracked Groups, After They Were Approved
- IRS Demanded Donor Lists from Conservative Groups, Might Make Them Public
- IRS Documents Reveal Agency Flagged Groups for 'Anti-Obama Rhetoric,' Big Three Refuse to Report
- Lerner's Official IRS Scandal Storyline Undercut by Newly Released E-Mails
- E-Mails Show Lerner was Preparing for Over a Year for IRS Scandal to Be Exposed: 'We're Going to Get Creamed'
- IRS Agent: Tea Party Groups Still Under Attack
- FEC Vice Chairman: Undisclosed E-Mails Raise New Questions About FEC-IRS Collusion
- Pro-Life Groups Being Harassed by IRS, Big Three Networks Fail to Report
- Darrell Issa Accuses IRS Chief of Obstructing Scandal Investigation
- House Committee Analysis: Only 46 Percent of Conservative Groups Approved by IRS
- Newly Released E-Mails Suggest IRS Colluded with FEC to Target Conservative Groups
- House Oversight Committee Requests Investigation Into Conservative Groups Being Unfairly Audited
- IRS Employees Ordered to Send Tea Party Applications to Office of Obama Political Appointee
- IRS Chief Counsel Meets with Obama Just Days Before New Screening Rules Implemented
- Records on Tax Investigation of Republican Senate Candidate Mysteriously Destroyed
- Despite Sequester, IRS Still Plans to Give Out \$70 Million in Employee Bonuses

MRC in the News

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The experts at the Media Research Center are interviewed almost every day on stories of national importance, often reaching millions of Americans daily. They provide analysis and commentary on radio, TV, the Internet, in magazines, books and in newspapers, always striving to help restore political balance to the major media. Some of the MRC's latest media appearances include the following:

Television

- FBN:** Cavuto, Oct. 24
 Lou Dobbs Tonight, Oct. 17
 Varney & Co., Oct. 18, 28
- FNC:** Fox & Friends, Oct. 18
 Hannity, Oct. 14, 15, 24, 31, Nov. 1, 6, 11
 O'Reilly Factor, Oct. 14, 18, 19, Oct. 24
 Your World w/Neil Cavuto, Aug. 26
- MSNBC:** The Ed Show, Oct. 15
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Radio

- American Family Radio, Oct. 17, 24, 29, 30
 Bob Dutko Show, Oct. 30
 FRC Radio, Oct. 28
 Lars Larson Show, Oct. 17, 29
 Mancow's Morning Madhouse, Oct. 30
 Mark Levin Show, Oct. 22, 28
 Michigan Morning News, Oct. 31
 Rush Limbaugh show, Oct. 25, 29, Nov. 6, 7, 8
 Sean Hannity Show, Oct. 16, 28
 Steve Malzberg Show, Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1
 Battle Line, Oct. 17, 31
 Blogtalk Radio, Oct. 28
 Cable Radio Network, Oct. 31
 IRN/USA Radio, Oct. 18, 30
 KCMN, Colorado Springs, CO, Oct. 18
 KNTH, Houston, TX, Oct. 14, 21, 24, 28, 31
 KPRZ, San Diego, CA, Oct. 16, 23, 30
 WDEL, Wilmington, DE, Oct. 30
 WIBA, Madison, WI, Oct. 17, 18, 29, 31
 WIBC, Indianapolis, IN, Oct. 14, 21, 28
 WNRR, Augusta, GA, Oct. 16, 21, 23, 30
 WOR, New York, NY, Oct. 30
 WROK, Aurora, IL, Oct. 14, 21, 28
 WTKF, Morehead City, NC, Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1
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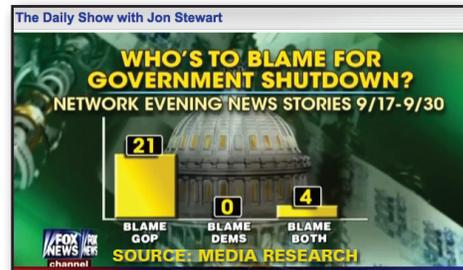
- Canada Free Press, Oct. 20
 Ft. Wayne News Sentinel, Oct. 19
 Washington Times, Oct. 29
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Internet & Twitter

- Before It's News, Oct. 19
 Breitbart.com, Oct. 17
 Daily Beast, Oct. 24
 Drudge Report, Oct. 17, 28, 29, 31,
 Nov. 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14
 Examiner.com, Oct. 12, 19, 20, 21, 24
 Fishbowl DC, Oct. 15
 FoxNews.com, Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30
 Huffington Post, Oct. 15, 29
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 LifeNews.com, Oct. 21, 30
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 Michelle Malkin.com, Oct. 25
 Newsmax.com, Oct. 17
 OneNewsNow.com, Oct. 21, 29, 30, 31
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 PJ Media, Oct. 16
 Politix, Oct. 18
 Red Alert Politics, Oct. 19
 Variety.com, Oct. 27
 Washington Examiner.com, Oct. 14,
 21, 28, 29
 WeaselZippers.com, Oct. 25
 WND.com, Oct. 17, 27
 Yahoo! News, Oct. 17
 @catholicvote, 16.7K followers, Oct. 15
 @foramerica, 75K followers, Oct. 25
 @mattlewis, 33K followers, Oct. 21
 @michellemalkin, 608K followers, Oct. 15
 @townhallcom, 53K followers, Oct. 15
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Fox's Lou Dobbs cited an MRC report exposing how the network news overwhelmingly blamed the GOP for the partial government shutdown.



MRC report on network news' biased coverage blaming Republicans for the government shutdown was highlighted on *The Daily Show*, hosted by Jon Stewart.



On Fox's *Varney & Co.*, MRC Vice President Dan Gaior detailed how the liberal media spun Hurricane Sandy as the result of global warming.



On Fox's *Varney & Co.*, Oct. 18, MRC Research Director Tim Graham documented how the network news shows blamed the partial government shutdown on the GOP in 41 stories and blamed the Democrats in 0 stories.



On October 14, MRCTV won "Video of the Day" on *Hannity* ... for the second day in a row.



TAX ALERT

TAX-SAVING LEGISLATION SET TO EXPIRE

Take advantage of it now *and* help the MRC

As part of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, individuals age 70 1/2 or older may transfer any amount up to \$100,000 from an individual retirement account (IRA) to any qualified charitable organization, including the Media Research Center. Although you would not receive an income tax deduction for this gift, the distribution would not be considered taxable income to you – a complete “wash” for tax purposes. Additionally, this disbursement would fulfill some or all of your 2013 required minimum distribution without increasing your taxable income.

If you are looking for a way to make additional cash contributions above your current 50 percent of adjusted gross income (AGI) limit, if you don't itemize your deductions, or if you are concerned that an increased AGI will cause more of your Social Security income to be taxed, a tax-free IRA rollover might be right for you.

Act now – this provision expires on December 31, 2013.

For more information and a sample letter for your IRA custodian, please call Michael Sanzi, MRC's Director of Development, at (800) 672-1423 or direct (571) 267-3443. Or, visit our planned giving website at www.legacy.vg/mrc.

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