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Mr. and Mrs. Ron J. Speltz  
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Speltz:

Thank you for taking the time to contact me again regarding the Incentive Stock Option (ISO) Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). Please accept my apology for the mistake with regard to my previous letter on fraternal benefits societies, which was not what you originally contacted me about.

I am sorry to hear of your current situation regarding the ISO AMT. I also appreciate hearing of your support for resolving ISO AMT issues. I agree with you that addressing the AMT and ISO AMT is very important. As it currently affects you, the AMT will affect an increasing number of middle-income families. If unaddressed, it will pose undue burdens on a greater number of taxpayers and could counteract the positive effects of other family tax relief.

You may be interested to learn that I introduced legislation that would have provided AMT relief with respect to ISOs exercised during 2000. As I continue to work on AMT issues, we do not have a consensus on how the ISO AMT can be solved. Not having a consensus makes it even more difficult to put a hold on the IRS's enforcement of these cases.

As the 109th Congress continues, however, you can be sure that I will keep the thoughts and concerns of all Iowans in mind regarding legislation that would affect the AMT and ISO AMT.

Again, thank you for contacting me. I appreciate hearing your views and urge you to keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senator

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