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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request for affirmation of your organization's exempt status.

Our records reflect that we issued a determination letter in November 1993, which recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Based on information subsequently submitted, we classified your organization as a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code. In that letter we did not determine whether the organization was an operating foundation as defined in section 4942(j)(3) of the code.

If your organization's purposes, character, method of operations, or sources of support have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the organization's exemption and foundation status.

Donors may deduct contributions to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to the organization or for its use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Your organization is required to file Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as a Private Foundation. Form 990-PF must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. A penalty of \$20 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is a reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$10,000 or 5 percent of the organization's gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete, so please be sure the return is complete before filing it.

Your organization is liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid each employee during a calendar year. Your organization is not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA). However, since your organization is a private foundation, it is subject to excise tax under Chapter 42 of the Code. Your organization may also be subject to other federal excise taxes.

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Your organization is not required to file federal income tax returns unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If subject to this tax, the organization must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

The law requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. You are also required to make available for public inspection a copy of your organization's exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

As this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exemption and foundation status, you should keep it with the organization's permanent records.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

This letter affirms your organization's exempt status.

Sincerely,



John E. Ricketts, Director, TE/GE
Customer Account Services