

Internal Revenue Service

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request of March 9, 2004 regarding your organization's tax-exempt status.

In December 2000 we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax. Our records indicate that your organization is currently exempt under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

All exempt organizations (unless specifically excluded) are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid to each employee during a calendar year. Your organization is also liable for tax under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act for each employee to whom it pays \$50 or more during a calendar quarter if, during the current or preceding calendar year, it had one or more employees at any time in each of 20 calendar weeks or it paid wages of \$1,500 or more in any calendar quarter.

If your organization's character, method of operation, or purposes change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the organization's exempt status. Also, your organization should inform us of all changes in its name or address.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

Because your organization is not an organization described in section 170(c) of the Code, donors may not deduct contributions made to your organization. You should advise your contributors to that effect.

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 Internal Revenue Code. If your organization is subject to this tax, it 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 of your organization's activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in Code section 513.

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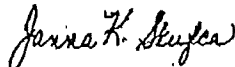
Section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. The law also requires organizations that received recognition of exemption on July 15, 1987, or later, to make available for public inspection a copy of the exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. Organizations that received recognition of exemption before July 15, 1987, and had a copy of their exemption application on July 15, 1987, are also required to make available for public inspection a copy of the exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. For additional information on disclosure requirements, please refer to Internal Revenue Bulletin 1999 - 17.

As this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exempt 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 the exempt status of your organization.

Sincerely,



Janna K. Skufca, Acting Director, TE/GE
Customer Account Services