# TAX EXEMPT AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES DIVISION

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TE/GE: EO Examination 625 Fulton Street, Room 503 Breeklyn, NY 11201

Date: May 30, 2008

Release Number: 200836042

Release Date: 9/5/08

Legend

ORG + Organization name
UIL Code: 501.03-01

ORG

ADDRESS

XX = Date

Address = address

Taxpayer Identification Number: Identification Number Contact Telephone Number:

LAST DATE FOR FILING A PLEADING WITH THE TAX COURT, THE CLAIMS COURT, OR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: August 28, 20XX

# Dear

This is a final determination regarding your exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Recognition of your exemption from Federal income tax as an organization described in Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) is retroactively revoked to July 1, 20XX because it is determined that you have not established that you are observing the conditions required for the continuation of an exempt status.

IRC 501(c)(3) exempts from taxation organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and which do not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

IRC 6033 provides that every organization, except as provided therein, exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Code shall file an annual return, stating specifically the items of gross income, receipts, and disbursements, and shall keep such records, render under oath such statements, make such other returns and comply with such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate may from time to time prescribe.

Revenue Ruling 59-95, 1959-1 CB 627 held that failure or inability to file the required information return or otherwise to comply with the provision of section 6033 of the Code and the regulations which implement it, may result in the termination of the exempt status of an organization previously held exempt, on the grounds that the organization

has not established that it is observing the conditions required for the continuation of an exempt status.

In accordance with IRC 6033 and Revenue Ruling 59-95, we have determined that the organization has not established that it is observing the conditions required for continuation of exempt status.

You have failed to produce documents to establish you are operating exclusively for exempt purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3), and that no part of your net earnings inure to the benefit of private shareholders or individuals. Also, you have failed to keep adequate books and records as required by Internal Revenue Code section 6001 and the regulations thereunder.

We are revoking your exemption from Federal income tax as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code effective July 1, 20XX. Contributions to your organization are no longer deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. You are required to file Federal income tax returns on Form 1120. These returns should be filed with the appropriate Service Center for all years beginning July 1, 20XX.

Processing of income tax returns and assessment of any taxes due will not be delayed should a petition for declaratory judgment be filed under section 7428 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you decide to contest this determination in court, you must file a pleading seeking a declaratory judgment in the United States Tax Court, the United States Court of Federal Claims, or the United States District Court for the District of Columbia before the 91<sup>st</sup> day after the date this final determination was mailed to you. Please contact the clerk of the appropriate court for rules regarding filing pleadings for declaratory judgments and refer to the enclosed Publication 892. You may write to these courts at the following addresses:

You have the right to contact the office of the Taxpayer Advocate. Taxpayer Advocate assistance is not a substitute for established IRS procedures, such as the formal appeals process. The Taxpayer Advocate cannot reverse a legally correct tax determination, or extend the time fixed by law that you have to file a petition in a United States court. The Taxpayer Advocate can, however, see that a tax matter that may not have been resolved through normal channels gets prompt and proper handling. You may call and ask for Taxpayer Advocate Assistance. If you prefer, you may contact your local Taxpayer Advocate at: Internal Revenue Service.

We will notify the appropriate State Officials of this action, as required by section 6104(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely Yours,

Marsha A. Ramirez Director, EO Examinations

Enclosure: Publication 892

| Form 886-A           | Explanation of Items | Schedule No. or Exhibit |
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| Name of Taxpayer ORG |                      | Year/Period Ended       |
|                      |                      | 20XX06                  |

LEGEND
ORG = Organization name XX = Date

<u>Issue</u>: Whether ORG (ORG) qualifies for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

<u>Facts</u>: Exhibit A provides copies of the Internal Revenue Service correspondence requesting ORG file the Form 990 for the tax period ending June 30, 20XX, or to respond to the Internal Revenue Service correspondence as to why they are not filing.

<u>Law</u>: Section 6001 of the Code provides that every person liable for any tax imposed by the Code, or for the collection thereof, shall keep adequate records as the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate may from time to time prescribe.

Section 6033(a)(1) of the Code provides, except as provided in section 6033(a)(2), every organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) shall file an annual return, stating specifically the items of gross income, receipts and disbursements, and such other information for the purposes of carrying out the internal revenue laws as the Secretary may by forms or regulations prescribe, and keep such records, render under oath such statements, make such other returns, and comply with such rules and regulations as the Secretary may from time to time prescribe.

Section 1.6001-1(a) of the regulations in conjunction with section 1.6001-1(c) provides that every organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) of the Code and subject to the tax imposed by section 511 on its unrelated business income must keep such permanent books or accounts or records, including inventories, as are sufficient to establish the amount of gross income, deduction, credits, or other matters required to be shown by such person in any return of such tax. Such organization shall also keep such books and records as are required to substantiate the information required by section 6033.

Section 1.6001-1(e) of the regulations states that the books or records required by this section shall be kept at all times available for inspection by authorized internal revenue officers or employees, and shall be retained as long as the contents thereof may be material in the administration of any internal revenue law.

Section 1.6033-1(h)(2) of the regulations provides that every organization which has established its right to exemption from tax, whether or not it is required to file an annual return of information, shall submit such additional information as may be required by the district director for the purpose of enabling him to inquire further into its exempt status

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and to administer the provisions of subchapter F (section 501 and the following), chapter 1 of the Code and section 6033.

In accordance with the above cited provisions of the Code and regulations under sections 6001 and 6033, organizations recognized as exempt from federal income tax must meet certain reporting requirements. These requirements relate to the filing of a complete and accurate annual information (and other required federal tax forms) and the retention of records sufficient to determine whether such entity is operated for the purposes for which it was granted tax-exempt status and to determine its liability for any unrelated business income tax.

Government's Position: We propose to revoke ORG's tax exemption under section 501(c)(3).

Taxpayer's position: Unknown.

Conclusion: It is the Internal Revenue Service's position that ORG failed to meet the reporting requirements under sections 6001 and 6033 to be recognized as exempt from federal income tax under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, ORG's exempt status is revoked effective November 12, 20XX.

ORG will not continue to qualify for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) as of July 1, 20XX.

Form 1120 returns should be filed for the tax periods after July 1, 20XX.



### **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

Internal Revenue Service 400 North Eighth Street, Room 480 Box 74 Richmond, Virginia 23219

Taxpayer Identification Number:

ORG ADDRESS Form:

Tax Year(s) Ended:

Person to Contact/ID Number:

Contact Numbers: Telephone:

Fax:

Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested

### Dear

We have enclosed a copy of our report of examination explaining why we believe revocation of your exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) is necessary.

If you accept our findings, take no further action. We will issue a final revocation letter.

If you do not agree with our proposed revocation, you must submit to us a written request for Appeals Office consideration within 30 days from the date of this letter to protest our decision. Your protest should include a statement of the facts, the applicable law, and arguments in support of your position.

An Appeals officer will review your case. The Appeals office is independent of the Director, EO Examinations. The Appeals Office resolves most disputes informally and promptly. The enclosed Publication 3498, *The Examination Process*, and Publication 892, *Exempt Organizations Appeal Procedures for Unagreed Issues*, explain how to appeal an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) decision. Publication 3498 also includes information on your rights as a taxpayer and the IRS collection process.

You may also request that we refer this matter for technical advice as explained in Publication 892. If we issue a determination letter to you based on technical advice, no further administrative appeal is available to you within the IRS regarding the issue that was the subject of the technical advice.

If we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will process your case based on the recommendations shown in the report of examination. If you do not protest this proposed determination within 30 days from the date of this letter, the IRS will consider it to be a failure to exhaust your available administrative remedies. Section 7428(b)(2) of the Code provides, in part: "A declaratory judgment or decree under this section shall not be issued in any proceeding unless the Tax Court, the Claims Court, or the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia determines that the organization involved has exhausted its administrative remedies within the Internal Revenue Service." We will then issue a final revocation letter. We will also notify the appropriate state officials of the revocation in accordance with section 6104(c) of the Code.

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If you have any questions, please call the contact person at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter. If you write, please provide a telephone number and the most convenient time to call if we need to contact you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Marsha Ramirez
Director, EO Examinations

Enclosures:
Publication 892
Publication 3498
Report of Examination