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Year 1 =

Dear _____ :

This letter responds to a letter dated September 28, 2021, and subsequent correspondence submitted on behalf of A and B by their authorized representative, requesting an extension of time under § 301.9100-3 of the Procedure and Administration Regulations to file an election under § 469(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code and § 1.469-9(g)(3) of the Income Tax Regulations to treat all interests in rental real estate as a single rental activity.

Facts

According to the information submitted, A and B ("Taxpayers") are married individuals who file their tax returns jointly. Taxpayers represent that in Year 1, B was in a real property trade or business as defined by § 469(c)(7)(C) and was qualified under § 469(c)(7)(B) to make an election to treat all interests in rental real estate as a single rental real estate activity under § 469(c)(7)(A).

However, Taxpayers represent that they were not advised by their professional tax return preparer that the election under § 469(c)(7)(A) was available to them. As a result, Taxpayers did not attach to their joint return for Year 1 the required statement

under § 1.469-9(g)(3) to make an election. Taxpayers further represent that they have acted reasonably and in good faith, and that granting relief will not prejudice the interests of the Government.

Law and Analysis

Under § 469(c)(2), the term “passive activity” generally includes any rental activity. Section 469(c)(7) provides a limited exception to this rule for taxpayers in a real property trade or business. Specifically, § 469(c)(7)(A) provides that if a taxpayer meets the requirements of § 469(c)(7)(B), the taxpayer’s rental real estate activity will no longer be presumptively passive. By its terms, the exception under § 469(c)(7)(A) is to be applied as if each interest of the taxpayer in rental real estate were a separate activity. However, under § 469(c)(7)(A) a taxpayer may elect to treat all interests in rental real estate as a single activity.

Section 1.469-9(g)(3) provides that a qualifying taxpayer makes the election to treat all interests in rental real estate as a single rental real estate activity by filing a statement with the taxpayer’s original income tax return for the taxable year. Section 1.469-9(g)(3) describes the information that must be contained in the statement.

Under § 301.9100-1(c), the Commissioner may grant a reasonable extension of time to make a regulatory election, or a statutory election (but no more than 6 months except in the case of a taxpayer who is abroad), under all subtitles of the Internal Revenue Code except subtitles E, G, H, and I. Section 301.9100-1(b) defines the term “regulatory election” as including an election whose due date is prescribed by a regulation published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin.

Sections 301.9100-1 through 301.9100-3 provide the standards the Commissioner will use to determine whether to grant an extension of time to make the election. Section 301.9100-2 provides the rules governing automatic extensions of time for making certain elections. Section 301.9100-3 provides the standards the Commissioner will use to determine whether to grant an extension of time for regulatory elections that do not meet the requirements of § 301.9100-2. Under § 301.9100-3, a request for relief will be granted when the taxpayer provides evidence to establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that (1) the taxpayer acted reasonably and in good faith, and (2) granting relief will not prejudice the interests of the government.

Section 301.9100-3(b) provides that, except as provided in § 301.9100-3(b)(3)(i) through (iii), when a taxpayer reasonably relied on a qualified tax professional, including a tax professional employed by the taxpayer, and the tax professional failed to make or advise the taxpayer to make the election, the taxpayer will be deemed to have acted reasonably and in good faith.

Conclusion

Based solely on the information submitted and the representations made, we conclude that the requirements of §§ 301.9100-1 and 301.9100-3 have been satisfied. As a result, the Taxpayers are granted an extension of time of 120 days from the date of this letter to make a § 469(c)(7)(A) election to treat all of their interests in rental real estate as a single rental real estate activity, effective Year 1. The election must be in the form of the statement required by § 1.469-9(g)(3) and attached to an amended return for Year 1. A copy of this letter should be attached to the election.

Except as specifically set forth above, no opinion is expressed concerning the federal tax consequences of the facts described above under any other provision of the Code. Specifically, no opinion is expressed concerning whether B satisfies the requirements under § 469(c)(7)(B) or whether B materially participates in any activity.

The rulings contained in this letter are based upon information and representations submitted by the Taxpayers and accompanied by a penalty of perjury statement executed by an appropriate party. While this office has not verified any of the material submitted in support of the request for rulings, it is subject to verification on examination.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayers who requested it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

In accordance with the Power of Attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative.

Sincerely,

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