# TAX EXEMPT AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES DIVISION

# DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

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Tax Year Ending:
December 31, 20XX
Taxpayer Identification Number:

Person to Contact:

**Employee Identification Number:** 

Employee Telephone Number: (Phone)

**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT** 

Dear

This is a final determination that you do not qualify for exemption from Federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") section 501(a) as an organization described in Code section 501(c)(3) effective September 22, 20XX. Your determination letter dated November 6, 20XX is revoked.

The revocation of your exempt status was made for the following reason(s):

Organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from tax under section 501(a) must be both organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes. You failed the organizational test because you did not establish that you had an organizing document that complied with section 501(c)(3) at the time of applying for tax exemption. Because you never had an organizing document that meets the requirements of section 501(c)(3), and because you misrepresented that fact in your Form 1023-EZ, the revocation is effective as of the date of exemption, September 22, 20XX.

Contributions to your organization are no longer deductible under IRC §170 after September 22, 20XX.

If you decide to contest this determination, you may file an action for declaratory judgment under the provisions of section 7428 of the Code in one of the following three venues: 1) United States

Tax Court, 2) the United States Court of Federal Claims, or 3) the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. A petition or complaint in one of these three courts must be filed within 90 days from the date this determination letter was mailed to you. Please contact the clerk of the appropriate court for rules and the appropriate forms for filing petitions for declaratory judgment by referring to the enclosed Publication 892. You may write to the courts at the following addresses:

United States Tax Court 400 Second Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20217

U.S. Court of Federal Claims 717 Madison Place, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20439

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia 333 Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS that can help protect your taxpayer rights. TAS can offer you help if your tax problem is causing a hardship, or you've tried but haven't been able to resolve your problem with the IRS. If you qualify for TAS assistance, which is always free, TAS will do everything possible to help you. Visit www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov or call 1-877-777-4778.

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

Sincerely,

Maria Hooke
Director, EO Examinations

Enclosure: Publication 892



UIL: 501.03-00

Date: April 25, 2018 Taxpayer ID number:

Form: 990-PF Tax periods ended: December 31, 20XX Person to contact:

Employee ID number: Telephone number: Fax: Address:

#### Manager's contact information:

Employee ID number: Telephone number: Response due date: May 25, 2018

## CERTIFIED MAIL - Return Receipt Requested

Dear

# Why you're receiving this letter

We enclosed a copy of our audit report, Form 886-A, Explanation of Items, explaining that we propose to revoke your tax-exempt status as an organization described in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

#### If you agree

If you haven't already, please sign the enclosed Form 6018, Consent to Proposed Action, and return it to the contact person shown at the top of this letter. We'll issue a final adverse letter determining that you aren't an organization described in IRC Section 501(c)(3) for the periods above.

After we issue the final adverse determination letter, we'll announce that your organization is no longer eligible to receive tax deductible contributions under IRC Section 170.

#### If you disagree

- 1. Request a meeting or telephone conference with the manager shown at the top of this letter.
- 2. Send any information you want us to consider.
- 3. File a protest with the IRS Appeals Office. If you request a meeting with the manager or send additional information as stated in 1 and 2, above, you'll still be able to file a protest with IRS Appeals Office after the meeting or after we consider the information.

The IRS Appeals Office is independent of the Exempt Organizations division and resolves most disputes informally. If you file a protest, the auditing agent may ask you to sign a consent to extend the period of limitations for assessing tax. This is to allow the IRS Appeals Office enough time to consider your case. For your protest to be valid, it must contain certain specific information, including a statement of the facts, applicable law, and arguments in support of your position. For specific information needed for a valid protest, refer to Publication 892, How to Appeal an IRS Determination on Tax-Exempt Status.

Letter 3618 (Rev. 9-2017) Catalos Number 34809F Fast Track Mediation (FTM) referred to in Publication 3498, The Examination Process, generally doesn't apply now that we've issued this letter.

4. Request technical advice from the Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Tax Exempt Government Entities) if you feel the issue hasn't been addressed in published precedent or has been treated inconsistently by the IRS.

If you're considering requesting technical advice, contact the person shown at the top of this letter. If you disagree with the technical advice decision, you will be able to appeal to the IRS Appeals Office, as explained above. A decision made in a technical advice memorandum, however, generally is final and binding on Appeals.

If we don't hear from you

If you don't respond to this proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, we'll issue a final adverse determination letter.

Contacting the Taxpayer Advocate Office is a taxpayer right

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# Additional information

You can get any of the forms and publications mentioned in this letter by visiting our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, you can contact the person shown at the top of this letter.

Sincerely,

for Maria Hooke

Director, Exempt Organizations Examinations

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Enclosures: Form 886-A Form 6018 Form 4621-A Report of Examination Publication 892 Publication 3498-A

Form 886A	Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service Explanation of Items	Schedule No. or Exhibit
Name of Taxpayer		Year/Period Ended December 31, 20XX

Date of Notice: April 25, 20XX

### Issues:

Whether the exempt status of (the Organization) under IRC § 501(c)(3) should be revoked, effective September 22, 20XX because it is not organized exclusively for exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) and Treas. Reg. § 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)?

### Facts:

applied for tax-exempt status by filing the Form 1023-EZ, Streamlined Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, on September 22, 20XX, and was granted tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) on November 06, 20XX, with an effective date of September 22, 20XX.

An organization exempt under 501(c)(3) needs to be organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational purposes and to foster national and amateur sports competition.

The organization attested on Form 1023-EZ, part II, box 2 that they have the organizing document necessary for their organizational structure.

Section 501(c)(3) requires that an organizing document must limit your purposes to one or more exempt purposes within section 501(c)(3). The organization attested that their organizing document contains this limitation.

They also attested that their organizing document does not expressly empower you to engage, otherwise than as an insubstantial part of your activities, in activities that in themselves are not in furtherance of one or more exempt purposes.

The organization attested that their organizing document contains the dissolution provision required under section 501(c)(3) or that they did not need an express dissolution provision in your organizing document because they rely on the operation of state law in the state in which you are formed for your dissolution provision.

The Organization does not appear to have any organizing documents. The agent was informed by the representative of the organization there are no organizing documents and the organization has never filed with the Secretary of State for tax exempt status. The organization has filed a final Form 990-PF for the tax period ending December 31, 20XX. The organization has provided proof that all assets, the organization's bank account, has been transferred to another organization, a 501(c)(19) entity.

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#### Law:

Internal Revenue Code (IRC) §501(c)(3) of the Code provides that an organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes is exempt from Federal income tax, provided no part of its net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

Treasury Regulations (Regulation) 1.501(c)(3)-1 In order to be exempt under §501(c)(3) the organization must be both organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in the section. (religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational).

**Regulation §1.501(c)(3)-1(a)(1)** of the regulations states that in order to be exempt as an organization described in section 501(c)(3), an organization must be both organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in such section. If an organization fails to meet either the organizational test or the operational test, it is not exempt.

Regulation §1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(1)(i) An organization is organized exclusively for one or more exempt purposes only if its articles of organization (a) Limit the purposes of such organization to one or more exempt purposes; and (b) Do not expressly empower the organization to engage, otherwise than as an insubstantial part of its activities, in activities which in themselves are not in furtherance of one or more exempt purposes.

Regulation 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(4) An organization is not organized exclusively for one or more exempt purposes unless its assets are dedicated to an exempt purpose. An organization's assets will be considered dedicated to an exempt purpose, for example, if, upon dissolution, such assets would, by reason of a provision in the organization's articles or by operation of law, be distributed for one or more exempt purposes, or to the Federal Government, or to a State or local government, for a public purpose, or would be distributed by a court to another organization to be used in such manner as in the judgment of the court will best accomplish the general purposes for which the dissolved organization was organized. However, an organization does not meet the organizational test if its articles or the law of the State in which it was created provide that its assets would, upon dissolution, be distributed to its members or shareholders.

Rev. Proc. 2018-5, Sec 11.02 (3) Inaccurate information on request. A determination letter issued to an organization that submitted a request in accordance with this revenue procedure may not be relied upon by the organization submitting the request if it was based on any inaccurate material information submitted by the organization. Inaccurate material information includes an incorrect representation or attestation as to the organization's organizational documents, the organization's exempt purpose, the organization's conduct of prohibited and restricted activities, or the organization's eligibility to file Form 1023-EZ.

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# **Organization's Position**

Taxpayer's position is the organization admitted the application should not have been filed. The organization does not have any organizing documentation nor did they file with the Secretary of State requesting tax exempt status

The organization has voluntarily terminated their tax-exempt organization. The organization has filed a final Form 990-PF for the tax period ending December 31, 20XX. As the organization has filed the Final Form 990-PF, there are no filing requirements for any tax forms.

#### **Government's Position**

Based on the above facts, the Organization has not established that it had organizing documents limiting the purpose of the organization to one or more exempt purposes, or a proper dissolution clause that meet the organizational test under IRC section 501(c)(3), at the time of applying for tax exemption.

If an organization fails to meet either the organizational test or the operational test, it is not exempt.

The Organization fails the organizational test because it did not establish that it had an organizing document that complied with section 501(c)(3) at the time of applying for tax exemption. Because it never had an organizing document that meets the requirements of section 501(c)(3), and because it misrepresented that fact in its Form 1023-EZ, the revocation is effective as of the date of exemption, September 22, 20XX.

# Conclusion:

Based on the foregoing reasons, it is the IRS's position that the organization failed to establish that it meets the organizational test as required IRC  $\S\S 501(c)(3)$  for it to be exempt from federal income tax under IRC  $\S\S 501(c)(3)$ . Accordingly, the organization's exempt status is revoked effective September 22, 20XX.

Form 1120, *U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return*, should be filed for the tax periods after September 22, 20XX.