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Dear :

This letter is to confirm and specify the terms of our engagement with you and to clarify the nature and extent of the services we will provide. In order to ensure an understanding of our mutual responsibilities, we ask all clients for whom returns are prepared to confirm the following arrangements.

We will prepare your 2021 federal and state income tax returns from information which you will furnish to us. We will not audit or otherwise verify the data you submit, although it may be necessary to ask you for clarification of some of the information. We will furnish you with questionnaires and worksheets to guide you in gathering the necessary information. Your use of such forms will assist in keeping the fee to a minimum.

It is your responsibility to provide all the information required for the preparation of complete and accurate returns. You should retain all the documents, cancelled checks and other data that form the basis of income and deductions. These may be necessary to prove the accuracy and completeness of the returns to a taxing authority. You have the final responsibility for the income tax returns and, therefore, you should review them carefully before you sign them.

Our work in connection with the preparation of your income tax returns does not include any procedures designed to discover defalcations and/or irregularities, should any exist. We will render such accounting and bookkeeping assistance as determined to be necessary for preparation of the income tax returns.

The law provides various penalties that may be imposed when taxpayers understate their tax liability. If you would like information on the amount or the circumstances of these penalties, please contact us.

Your returns may be selected for review by the taxing authorities. Any proposed adjustments by the examining agent are subject to certain rights of appeal. In the event of such government tax examination, we will be available upon request to represent you and will render additional invoices for the time and expenses incurred.

Our fee for these services will be based upon the amount of time required at standard billing rates plus out-of-pocket expenses. All invoices are due and payable upon presentation.

If the foregoing fairly sets forth your understanding, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter in the space indicated and return it to our office. However, if there are other tax returns you expect us to prepare, please inform us by noting so at the end of the return copy of this letter.

We want to express our appreciation for this opportunity to work with you.

Very truly yours,

Apex Accounting

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

Questions

Please check the appropriate box and include all necessary details and documentation.

	Yes	No
Personal Information		
Did your marital status change during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, explain: _____		
Did you live separately from your spouse during the last six months of the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a separate decree, instrument, or agreement and are not living in the same household by the end of the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did your address change from last year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can you be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you change any bank accounts, or did routing transit numbers (RTN) and/or bank account number change for existing bank accounts that have been used to direct deposit (or direct debit) funds from (or to) the IRS or other taxing authority during the tax year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you, your spouse (if applicable), and any dependents have a taxpayer identification number (SSN, ITIN, or ATIN)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the IRS or have you been a victim of identity theft? If yes, attach the IRS letter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you reside in or operate a business in a Federally declared disaster area? The Federally declared disaster areas include victims of hurricanes, tropical storms, floods, as well as wildfires.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COVID-19 Information		
Did you receive an Economic Impact Payment (EIP3) as reported on Notice 1444-C?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive an adjustment to your refund or balance due for the exclusion of unemployment compensation and/or Advance Premium Tax Credit as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive advanced Child Tax Credit (CTC) payments in July, August, September, October, November, and December?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, did you apply for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a telecommuting employee that was required to "shelter in place" due to local COVID-19 protocols while working in a state that was not your home state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive emergency leave sick pay?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive emergency family leave wages?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive any special unemployment benefits or compensation under the Coronavirus Relief Act during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are self-employed, were you unable to perform your self-employed activities due to coronavirus related care you needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are self-employed, were you unable to perform your self-employed activities due to coronavirus related care you provided to your son or daughter under the age of 18?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are self-employed, were you unable to perform your self-employed activities due to coronavirus related care you provided to another?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dependent Information		
Were there any changes in dependents from the prior year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, explain: _____		
Do you have any children under age 19 or a full-time student under age 24 with unearned income in excess of \$2,200?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Do you have dependents who must file a tax return?
- Did you provide over half the support for any other person(s) other than your dependent children during the year?
- Did you pay for child care while you worked, looked for work, or while a full-time student?
- Is there any other person(s) who lived with you more than half the year but not claimed by you last year?
- Did you pay any expenses related to the adoption of a child during the year?
- If you are divorced or separated with child(ren), do you have a divorce decree or other form of separation agreement which establishes custodial responsibilities?
- Did any dependents receive an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the IRS or have they been a victim of identity theft? If yes, attach the IRS letter.

Purchases, Sales and Debt Information

- Did you start a new business or purchase rental property during the year?
- Did you sell, exchange, or purchase any assets used in your trade or business?
- Did you acquire a new or additional interest in a partnership or S corporation?
- Did you sell, exchange, or purchase any real estate during the year?
- Did you purchase or sell a principal residence during the year?
- Did you foreclose or abandon a principal residence or real property during the year?
- Did you acquire or dispose of any stock during the year?
- Did you take out a home equity loan this year?
- Did you refinance a principal residence or second home this year?
- Did you sell an existing business, rental, or other property this year?
- Did you lend money with the understanding of repayment and this year it became totally uncollectable?
- Did you have any debts canceled or forgiven this year, such as a home mortgage or student loan(s)?
- Did you purchase a qualified plug-in electric drive vehicle or qualified fuel cell vehicle this year?

Income Information

- Did you have any foreign income or pay any foreign taxes during the year, directly or indirectly, such as from investment accounts, partnerships or a foreign employer?
- Did you receive any income from property sold prior to this year?
- Did you receive any unemployment benefits during the year?
- Did you receive any disability income during the year?
- Did you receive any Medicaid waiver payments as difficulty of care during the year?
- Did you receive tip income not reported to your employer this year?
- Did any of your life insurance policies mature, or did you surrender any policies?
- Did you receive any awards, prizes, hobby income, gambling or lottery winnings?
- Did you receive any income considered to be nonemployee compensation?
- Do you expect a large fluctuation in income, deductions, or withholding next year?
- Did you have any sales or other exchanges of virtual currencies (including from an airdrop or a hard fork, or used virtual currencies to pay for goods or services)?

Retirement Information

- Are you an active participant in a pension or retirement plan?
- Did you receive any Social Security benefits during the year?
- Did you make any withdrawals from an IRA, Roth, Keogh, SIMPLE, SEP, 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan?
- If yes, were any withdrawals due to a Federally declared disaster?
- If you received any qualified disaster retirement plan distributions, did you repay any of the distributions in 2021?
- Did you receive any lump-sum payments from a pension, profit sharing or 401(k) plan?

Did you make any contributions to an IRA, Roth, Keogh, SIMPLE, SEP, 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan?

Education Information

Did you, your spouse, or your dependents attend a post-secondary school during the year, or plan to attend one in the coming year?

Did you have any educational expenses during the year on behalf of yourself, your spouse, or a dependent?

Did anyone in your family receive a scholarship of any kind during the year? If yes, were any of the scholarship funds used for expenses other than tuition, such as room and board?

Did you make any withdrawals from an education savings or 529 Plan account? If yes, were any of these withdrawals rolled over into an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account?

Did you make any contributions to an education savings or 529 Plan account?

Did you pay any student loan interest this year?

Did you cash any Series EE or I U.S. Savings bonds issued after 1989?

Would you like a worksheet to aid in the completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the U.S. Department of Education?

Health Care Information

Did you have qualifying health care coverage, such as employer-sponsored coverage or government-sponsored coverage (i.e. Medicare/Medicaid) for your family? "Your family" for health care coverage refers to you, your spouse if filing jointly, and anyone you can claim as a dependent.

Did you enroll for lower cost Marketplace Coverage through healthcare.gov under the Affordable Care Act?

Did you enroll for lower cost Marketplace Coverage through healthcare.gov under the Affordable Care Act and share a policy with anyone who is not included in your family?

Did you make any contributions to a Health savings account (HSA) or Archer MSA?

Did you receive any distributions from a Health savings account (HSA), Archer MSA, or Medicare Advantage MSA this year?

Did you pay long-term care premiums for yourself or your family?

Did you make any contributions to an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account?

Did you receive any withdrawals from an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account?

If you are a business owner, did you pay health insurance premiums for your employees this year?

Did you receive any Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) advance payments?

Itemized Deduction Information

Did you incur a casualty or theft loss or any condemnation awards during the year?

If yes, did the loss occur in a Federally declared disaster area?

Did you pay out-of-pocket medical expenses (Co-pays, prescription drugs, etc.)?

Did you make any cash or noncash charitable contributions (clothes, furniture, etc.)?

If yes, please provide evidence such as a receipt from the donee organization, a canceled check, or record of payment, to substantiate all contributions made.

Did you donate a vehicle or boat during the year?

Did you pay real estate taxes for your primary home and/or second home?

Did you pay any mortgage interest on an existing home loan?

Did you incur interest expenses associated with any investment accounts you held?

Did you make any major purchases during the year (cars, boats, etc.)?

Did you make any out-of-state purchases (by telephone, internet, mail, or in person) for which the seller did not collect state sales or use tax?

Miscellaneous Information

- Did you make gifts of more than \$15,000 to any individual?
- Did you utilize an area of your home for business purposes?
- Did you engage in any bartering transactions?
- Did you retire or change jobs this year?
- Did you incur moving costs because of a permanent change of station as a member of the Armed Forces on active duty?
- Did you pay any individual as a household employee during the year?
- Did you make energy efficient improvements to your main home this year?
- Did you receive a distribution from, or were you a grantor or transferor for a foreign trust?
- Did you have a financial interest in or signature authority over a financial account such as a bank account, securities account, or brokerage account, located in a foreign country?
- Do you have any foreign financial accounts, foreign financial assets, or hold interest in a foreign entity?
- Did you receive correspondence from the State or the IRS?
If yes, explain: _____
- Do you have previous years of tax returns that are either unfiled or filed with unpaid balances due?
- Do you want to designate \$3 to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund? If you check yes, it will not change your tax or reduce your refund.