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X =

A =

Date 1 =

Date 2 =

Year 1 =

Year 2 =

State =

Dear :

This letter responds to your August 8, 1999 letter and subsequent correspondence, requesting relief under § 1362(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The information submitted states that X incorporated on Date 1 of Year 1 but did not conduct any business until Date 2 of Year 2. A, the president and sole shareholder of X, represents that A intended X to be an S corporation beginning with X's Year 2 taxable year and filed with State for X to be an S corporation. A represents that A was not aware that X also needed to file a Form 2553 (Election by a Small Business Corporation). For Year 2, X filed a Form 1120S (U.S. Income Tax Return for an S corporation).

Section 1362(b)(5) of the Code provides that if-- (A) an election under § 1362(a) for any taxable year is made after the date prescribed by § 1362(b) for making such election for such taxable year or no such election is made for any taxable year, and (B) the Secretary determines that there was reasonable cause for the failure to timely make such election, the Secretary may treat such an election as timely made for such taxable year.

Based solely on the facts and the representations submitted, we conclude that X has established reasonable cause for failing to make a timely election to be an S corporation for X's Year 2 taxable year. Accordingly, provided that X makes an election to be an S corporation by filing a completed Form 2553 with the appropriate service center effective for Year 2, within 60 days following the date of this letter, then such election will be treated as timely made for X's Year 2 taxable year. A copy of this letter should be attached to the Form 2553.

Except as specifically set forth above, we express no opinion concerning the federal tax consequences of the facts described above under any other provision of the Code, including whether X was or is a small business corporation under § 1361(b) of the Code.

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

Sincerely yours,

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