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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
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Employer Identification Number:  
27-2614911  
Person to Contact and ID Number:  
Liz Ardoin, 0221460  
Toll Free Contact Number:  
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Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi) & 509(a)(1)  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
December 22, 2009  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. **Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.**

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed *Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities* for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

This ruling is based on your representation that the services you provide to your members will be provided at a cost that is substantially below your cost of providing such services. See Rev. Rul. 71-529, 1971-2 C.B. 234.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lois G. Lerner".

for: Lois G. Lerner  
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: *Pub. 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities*