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#### Dear Client:

This letter will confirm our understanding of the terms and objectives for the preparation of your income tax returns for the year 2023. We will prepare your income tax returns based on information submitted by you. You represent that the information you supply is accurate and complete to the best of your knowledge, and that you have disclosed all relevant facts affecting your returns. We will not audit or otherwise verify the information you provide, although we might ask for additional clarification.

Please review the enclosed tax preparation materials. When submitting your 2023 tax information, complete and include this tax information packet. Be sure to complete the following: basic taxpayer information, general questions and business/investment questions. The listing on page 6 is to assist you in accumulating your tax information. Remember, this is only a guide. Should you have any questions concerning your tax information, make a note of them and we will call you to discuss when preparing your income tax return. We will be filing all tax returns electronically (E-FILE). In addition, all copies of returns will be given on a flash drive, unless a paper copy is specifically requested.

You will be notified once your return is ready to be electronically filed. At that time, it will be necessary for you to come in, sign and return the E-FILE form(s), and pay for your return, we will then E-FILE the return. You will receive the copy of your return and tax documents on a Flash Drive. If you are to receive a refund, you may choose to have the funds deposited directly to your bank account or have them sent to you in check form. If the refund is electronically deposited into your bank account, it normally takes about two weeks after the acceptance of the submission of your return. Mailed refunds usually take a few days longer. If you have a tax liability on your return, you will receive a voucher that will need to be mailed in with a payment. If your tax situation requires, you will also receive tax estimates for the next year in paper form.

If there are no changes to your tax situation from the prior year, we request that you drop off your information, and we will call or email you with any questions regarding your return. If you need to discuss new tax situations, please call for an appointment.

All tax information must be received no later than April 5th or an additional \$75 fee will be charged for priority processing. The last day for tax appointments will be April 1, 2024. All returns received after this date will be automatically extended and prepared after April 15, 2024. An additional fee of \$85 will be charged for extension processing.

It may become necessary to apply for an extension of the filing deadline if there are unresolved issues, or if we do not receive all of the necessary information from you on a timely basis or there are delays in processing. Applying for an extension of time to file may limit your ability to make certain elections, extend the time available for a government agency to undertake an audit of your return and/or extend the statute of limitations to file a legal action. If we apply for an extension of time to file because you have not provided us all of the information needed to prepare the tax returns by the original due date, you agree to hold our firm harmless from any consequences arising from any election waived. All taxes owed are due by the original filing due date. Additionally, extensions may affect your liability for penalties and interest or compliance with governmental or other deadlines.

You will be responsible for determining any amount that may be due with the extension. We will not be responsible for late payment penalties and interest owed, due to late filing and payment.

Tax return fees are based upon our hours incurred at our professional billing rates which range from \$50 to \$255 per hour. In addition, we charge a \$50 administration fee. Any appointments canceled on the same day of the appointment will be billed \$50. All missed appointments will be billed \$75.

You have the final responsibility for your income tax returns. You should review your returns carefully to fully acquaint yourself with all items to ensure that there are no material omissions or misstatements.

We will use our professional judgment in resolving questions where the law is unclear, or where there are conflicts between the interpretation of the law by tax authorities and other supportable positions. Unless otherwise instructed by you, we resolve such questions in your favor whenever possible, as long as there is reasonable justification for doing so.

Our work in connection with the preparation of your returns does not include any procedures designed to discover defalcations or other irregularities, should any exist.

Assisting you with your compliance with the Corporate Transparency Act ("CTA") including beneficial ownership information ("BOI") reporting, is not within the scope of this engagement. You have sole responsibility for your compliance with the CTA, including its BOI reporting requirements and the collection of relevant ownership information. We shall have no liability resulting from your failure to comply with CTA. Information regarding the BOI reporting requirements can be found at <a href="https://www.fincen.gov/boi">https://www.fincen.gov/boi</a>. Consider consulting with legal counsel if you have questions regarding the applicability of the CTA's reporting requirements and issues surrounding the collection of relevant ownership information.

<u>CPA FIRM RESPONSIBILITIES:</u> It is our duty to prepare your returns based on the same standard of care that a reasonable tax return preparer would exercise in this type of engagement. Unless otherwise noted, the applicable standard of care for a "reasonable tax return preparer" shall be based upon the following pronouncements:

- U.S. Treasury Department Circular 230 ("Circular 230"); and
- The Internal Revenue Code, Treasury Regulations, and any applicable state/local corollaries (collectively, "the Code").

As tax return preparers, these pronouncements also prohibit us from signing a tax return unless we have a reasonable belief that there is substantial authority for tax positions taken on the tax return, or we have a reasonable basis for tax return positions taken on the return which are disclosed as required by the Code. If you request that we report a tax position on your return which we feel is contrary to published guidance, frivolous, or a willful attempt to evade tax, we will be unable to proceed. If you are unwilling to disclose a position where required or we conclude that your failure to disclose does not permit us to sign your tax return, we will be unable to proceed.

<u>PRIOR YEARS</u>: If, during our work, we discover information that affects your prior-year tax returns, we will discuss this with you. However, we cannot be responsible for identifying all items that may affect prior years. If you become aware of such information during the year, please contact us to discuss the best resolution of the issue. In order that we may properly advise you of tax considerations, please keep us informed of any significant changes in your financial affairs or of any correspondence received from taxing authorities.

GOVERNMENT INQUIRIES: This engagement does not include responding to inquiries by any governmental agency or tax authority. If your tax return is selected for examination or audit, you may request our assistance in responding to such an inquiry. If you ask us to represent you, and we agree, we will confirm this engagement in a separate written agreement.

<u>THIRD PARTY REQUESTS</u>: We will not respond to any request from banks, mortgage brokers or others for verification of any information on these tax returns. We do not communicate with third parties or provide them with copies of tax returns.

<u>DIVORCE</u>: If you inform us of your pending divorce, we will advise each of you to seek independent tax advice. We will evaluate whether a conflict of interest exists which may limit our service. If we, in our sole professional judgement, determine a conflict exists, you will both be required to sign a conflict of interest waiver before we are able to prepare your returns. Depending upon your circumstances, as well as any legal advice you receive from your independent advisor, we may be unable to advise either of you until your divorce is finalized.

PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS: In the event Dennis Rose & Associates, P.C. (DRA) is requested or authorized by you or is required by government regulation, subpoena, or other legal process to produce its documents or its personnel as witness with respect to its engagement for you, you will, so long as DRA is not a party to the proceeding in which the information is sought, reimburse DRA for its professional time at its standard rates and its expenses, as well as the fees and expenses of its counsel, incurred in responding to such request. In the event that we receive a summons or subpoena requesting that we produce documents from this engagement or testify about this engagement, we will notify you prior to responding to it if we are legally permitted to do so. You may, within the time permitted for DRA to respond to any request, initiate such legal action as you deem appropriate to protect information from discovery. If you take no action within the time permitted for us to respond, or if your action does not result in a judicial order protecting us from supplying requested information, we may construe your inaction or failure as consent to comply with the request.

RECORD RETENTION: Your returns are subject to examination by the taxing authorities. Any proposed adjustments by the examining agent are subject to certain rights of appeal. In the event of an audit, you may be requested to produce documents, records, or other evidence to substantiate the items of income and deduction shown on your returns. It is our policy to keep records related to a tax engagement for seven years, after which they are destroyed. We provide complete copies of returns, either electronically or on paper, for your records, along with any materials you furnished for our use. It is your responsibility to retain and protect your records for possible future use. 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. We recommend that you retain all pertinent records for at least seven years after filing. If an examination occurs, we will represent you if you so desire; however, these additional services are not included in our fee for preparation of your returns.

<u>COMMUNICATION</u>: In the interest of facilitating our services to you, we may communicate by facsimile transmission or send electronic mail over the Internet. Such communications may include information that is confidential to you. While we will use our best efforts to keep such communications secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws and professional standards, you recognize and accept that we have no control over the unauthorized interception of these communications once they have been sent and consent to our use of these electronic devices during this engagement. Therefore, we specifically disclaim and waive any liability or responsibility whatsoever for interception or unintentional disclosure of emails transmitted by us in connection with the performance of this engagement. In that regard, you agree that we shall have no liability for any loss or damage to any person or entity resulting from the use of email transmissions, including any consequential, incidental, indirect, or special damages, such as loss of revenues or anticipated profits, or disclosure or communication of confidential or proprietary information. To keep your information secure, we will password protect any document containing your social security number or other personal information which we send via email. To protect yourself, we also advise that you do the same when submitting anything to us via email.

<u>PRIVACY</u>: DRA is committed to protecting your financial privacy. We restrict access to nonpublic personal information to employees and contractors of DRA who need to know that information to provide the best service to you. We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our clients or former clients to anyone, except as permitted by law.

Certain communications involving tax advice may be privileged and not subject to disclosure to the IRS. By disclosing the contents of those communications to anyone, or by turning over information about those communications to the government, you may be waiving this privilege. To protect this right to privileged communication, please consult with us or your attorney prior to disclosing any information about our tax advice.

<u>PAYMENT OF FEES</u>: Our fees will be at our standard hourly rates (\$50 - \$255 per hour). Our invoice for fees will be rendered upon completion of your returns and is payable on presentation. All unpaid invoices or returned drafts will be assessed cumulative monthly billing and administrative charges of 1.5% per month, plus collection costs and attorney's fees, if required.

<u>LIABILITY</u>: In recognition of the relative risks and benefits of this agreement to both you and DRA, both parties have discussed and have agreed on the fair allocation of risk between them. As such, you agree, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to limit the liability of DRA and its past, present and future shareholders and other personnel (collectively the "Indemnified Persons") to you for any and all claims, losses, costs, and damages of any nature whatsoever, so that the total aggregate liability of DRA to you shall not exceed DRA's total fee for services rendered under this agreement. You and DRA intend and agree that this limitation applies to any and all liability or cause of action against DRA, however alleged or arising, unless otherwise prohibited by law. Such causes include but are not limited to negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability, breach of contract and breach of warranty. Indemnified Persons shall not be liable for any special, incidental, or punitive loss or consequential damages or expenses under any legal theory arising out of the agreement or the services to be performed hereunder.

We will prepare the tax returns solely for filing with the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and applicable state and local tax authorities. Our work is not intended to benefit or influence any third party, either to obtain credit or for any other purpose. You agree to indemnify and hold us harmless with respect to any and all claims arising from the use of the tax returns for any purpose other than filing with the IRS, state and local tax authorities regardless of the nature of the claim, including the negligence of any party, excepting claims arising from the gross negligence or intentional wrongful acts of DRA.

Both parties agree that there is a one-year limitation period to bring a claim against DRA for errors and omissions. The one-year period will begin upon the date printed on your income tax returns.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION: To resolve any controversy or claim ("Dispute") pertaining to the Agreement, a Dispute shall be first submitted to mediation by written notice to the other party or parties before resorting to arbitration. A mediator will be selected by agreement of the parties, the parties will try to resolve their differences voluntarily and facilitate negotiations under the Commercial Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA). The mediation will be treated as a settlement discussion and therefore will be confidential. If a dispute has not been resolved within 90 days after the written notice beginning the mediation process, the mediation shall terminate and the dispute will be settled by arbitration conducted in accordance with the procedures in this document and the Arbitration rules for Professional Accounting and Related Services Disputes of the AAA as in effect on the date of this Agreement ("AAA Rules"). The arbitrators may not award non-monetary or equitable relief of any sort. They shall have no power to award punitive damages, or any other damages not measured by the prevailing party's actual damages, and the parties expressly waive their right to obtain such damages in arbitration or in any other forum. In no event, even if any other portion of these provisions is held to be invalid or unenforceable, shall the arbitrators have the power to make an award or impose a remedy that could not be made or imposed by a court deciding the matter in the same jurisdiction. All aspects of the arbitration shall be treated as confidential. The result of the arbitration will be binding on the parties, and judgment on the arbitrators' award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

In the unlikely event that circumstances occur which we, in our sole discretion, believe could create a conflict with either the ethical standards of DRA or the ethical standards of our profession in continuing our engagement, we may suspend our services until a satisfactory resolution can be achieved, or we may resign from the engagement without producing returns. We will notify you of such conflicts as soon as practicable and will discuss with you any possible means of resolving them prior to suspending our services.

<u>SEVERABILITY</u>: If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provision of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting such provision it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed, and enforced as so limited.

<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>: This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, representatives, successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement may not be voluntarily assigned in whole or part by either party without prior written notification to the other.

GENERAL: Our services shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois.

This engagement is limited to the professional services outlined above.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to a long and successful relationship. Our ability to exceed your expectations is dependent on good communication, and to this extent we encourage your questions and inquiries. With a goal of growing our client base which allows us to expand the services we offer; your referrals are always appreciated.

Your signature below indicates your agreement that the above adequately summarizes our mutual responsibilities and that the information you provided is complete and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Very truly yours, Dennis Rose & Associates, P.C. Certified Public Accountants	
Agreed to and authorized:	
Taxpayer Signature, date	Spouse Signature, date

Sort and organize your tax information as listed below; this will keep your tax preparation cost from increasing significantly. Take all information out of envelopes.

The following are items that affect most returns. Some items may not apply to you. Additionally, there may be items not listed that do apply to you. If you believe you have any item not listed, please provide related documents.

Items needed to prepare your tax returns:

### **Income Items:**

- \* W-2's
- \* 1095A, 1095B, 1095C Health Insurance statements
- \* 1099's for interest, dividends, and social security
- \* Business income and expense Capital purchases (equipment \$2,500 or more)
- \* Form 1099B for stock transactions and schedule of gains or losses
- \* Pension distributions (1099-R)
- \* 1099-K
- \* 1099-DA
- \* Rental income and expense
- \* K-1's from partnerships, corporations, and trusts
- \* Other income
- \* W-2G's, all gambling income
- \* Closing statements on the sale of real estate property

### **Deductions:**

- \* Early withdrawal penalties
- \* IRA Contributions
- \* Health insurance for self-employed
- \* Alimony paid
- \* Student loan interest

### **Itemized deductions:**

- \* Medical expenses
- \* Mortgage interest (Form 1098)
- \* Contributions
  - For cash contributions, list organization and amount (Provide receipt documentation from all charitable organizations.)
  - For all non-cash charitable contributions, provide receipt documentation and any supporting detail.
- \* Property tax payments
- \* Gambling losses

#### Other:

- \* Estimated tax payments Federal and State List amounts by date
- \* Child care documentation
- \* Qualified tuition payments documentation Account history for year, and Form 1098T
- \* Adoption expenses
- \* IRS notice and response Form 8836 regarding qualifying child residency statement
- \* Form 8332, Release of Claim to Exemption for Child of Divorced or Separated Parents
- \* Copy of dependent tax returns filed for current year
- \* 1099 SA
- \* Receipt for qualified private school education expenses

# 2023 BASIC TAXPAYER INFORMATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION						
TAXPAYER			SPOUSE			
Last name						
First name						
Middle initial and suffix	MI	Suffix	MI Suffix			
Social security number						
Occupation			_			
occupation						
Work phone/extension						
Cell phone						
E-mail address						
Birthdate	MM/DD/YYYY		MM/DD/YYYY			
BlindYes No		Yes	Yes No No			
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Eligible to be claimed as a dependent on another return	Yes	No	Yes	No		
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Street Address			Apartment number	••		
CityState		Zip code				
Home phone		Foreign country	·······			
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<sup>\*</sup> Check this box if dependent child is not a U.S. citizen or resident alien

#### **General Questions**

# PERSONAL INFORMATION Did your marital status change during the year? If yes, explain Do you want to allow your tax preparer to discuss this year's return with the IRS?.... Do you or your spouse plan to retire in the next year? 4 Were you or your spouse permanently and totally disabled in the year?.... Were you or your spouse a member of the U.S. Armed Forces during the year?.... DEPENDENT INFORMATION 6 a. Do you have dependents who must file? b. If **yes**, do you want us to prepare the return(s)? 7 a. Do you have children who are under age 19 or a full time student under age 24 with investment income greater than \$2,500?..... b. If yes, do you want to include your child's income on your return?.... Are any of your dependents **not** U.S. citizens or residents?.... Did you provide over half the support for any other person during the year?.... Did you incur adoption expenses during the year? 10 IRA AND PENSION PLAN Did you receive payments from a pension or profit-sharing plan? 11 12 Did you receive a total distribution from an IRA or other qualified plan that was partially or totally rolled over into another IRA or qualified plan within 60 days of the distribution? If yes, attach support documentation ...... 13 Did you convert all or part of a regular IRA into a Roth IRA?.... 14 Did you contribute to a Coverdell Education Savings Account?.... Did you make an IRA contribution? If yes, attach supporting documentation..... 15 ITEMS RELATED TO INCOME/LOSSES Did you receive any disability payments during the year? Did you receive tip income **not** reported to your employer? 17 Did you buy, sell, refinance, or abandon a principal residence or other real property in the year? 18 (Attach copies of any settlement statements and Forms 1099.).... Did you incur any casualty or theft losses during the year? 19 Did you incur any non-business bad debts? 21 a. Do you have a home equity loan?.... b. If yes, was this used only to buy, build or substantially improve your home?.... c. f no, please identify which 1098 is reporting on this home equity loan. PRIOR YEAR TAX RETURNS

22 a. Were you notified by the Internal Revenue Service or state taxing authority of changes to a prior year's return?....

Were there changes to a prior year's income, deductions, credits, etc which would require filing an amended return?.....

b. If yes, enclose agent's report or notice of change.

## **General Questions (continued)**

## FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNTS AND TAXES Yes Did you have foreign income or pay any foreign taxes in the year, other than those included on 1099's.?..... 25 a. At any time during the tax year, did you have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank account, or other financial account in a foreign country? b. Did the aggregate value of all your foreign accounts exceed \$10,000 at any time during the year? If yes, attach a copy of all interest income. Were you the grantor of or transferor to a foreign trust which existed during the tax year, whether or not you have any beneficial interest in the trust? Did you at any time during the year have an interest in or any authority over any foreign accounts or assets (stocks, 27 bonds, mutual funds, etc.) held in foreign financial institutions that exceeded \$50,000 in value at any time during the year? HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE Did you receive Form 1095-A (Health Insurance Marketplace Statement)? If so, please attach..... 29 Did you or your spouse have self-employed health insurance? 30 If you or your spouse are self-employed, are either of you eligible to participate in an employer's health plan at another job?.... Did you contribute to or receive distributions from a Health Savings Account (HSA)? If yes, attach 1099-SA..... a. Family or single coverage b. Was all of the distribution used for medical expenses? 32 a. Did you or your spouse participate in a medical savings account in the year?..... b. If yes, please attach Form 1099-SA (Distributions from an Archer MSA or Medicare+Choice MSA.) **MISCELLANEOUS** 33 Did you donate a vehicle in the year? If yes, attach Form 1098C..... 34 Did you or your spouse make gifts of over \$17,000 to an individual or contribute to a prepaid tuition plan?..... Did you make gifts to a trust? 35 Did you pay any individual for domestic services in the year?.... 36 37 Did you pay interest on a student loan for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents?.... 38 Did you, your spouse, or your dependents attend post-secondary school in the year?.... Did a lender cancel any of your debt in the year? (Attach any Forms 1099-A or 1099-C)..... 39 40 At any time during the year, did you receive, sell, send, exchange, or otherwise acquire any financial interest in any virtual currency? 41 a. Did you receive any income not included in this Tax Organizer?..... b. If yes, please attach information. 42 a. Did you purchase general merchandise to use in Illinois on which you did not pay the required amount of IL Use Tax? b. If yes, please provide an amount. \$ \_\_\_\_ Did you make energy efficient improvements to your home or purchase any energy-saving property during the year?..... If yes, please attach details.... Did you purchase an energy efficient vehicle during the year?.... If yes, enter year, make, model and date purchased ELECTRONIC FILING AND DIRECT DEPOSIT OF REFUND Yes The Internal Revenue Service is able to deposit many refunds directly into taxpayers' accounts. If you receive a refund, would you like direct deposit? 46 a. If **yes**, was this the same bank account as in prior year?.....

b. If no, please attach a voided check (not a deposit slip).

	<b>Business/Investment Questions</b>
47	Did you receive stock from a stock bonus plan with your employer?
48	Did you buy or sell any stocks or bonds in the year?
	If yes, attach broker's information (such as Form 1099-B's and broker annual statements) related to the transactions.
49	Did you surrender any U.S. savings bonds during the year?
50	Did you use the proceeds from Series EE or I U.S. savings bonds purchased after 1989 to pay for higher
	education expenses?
51	Did you realize a gain or loss on property which was taken from you by destruction, theft, seizure, or condemnation?
52	Did you start a business?
53	Did you purchase a rental property or farm?
54	Did you acquire interests in partnerships or S corporations?
55	Do you have any investments for which you were <b>not</b> personally 'at risk' (other than sole proprietorship or farm)?
56	Did you own an interest in a Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit (REMIC) during the year?
57	Did you sell property or equipment on installment during the year?
58	Did you have any business related educational expenses?
59	Did you do a 'like-kind' exchange of property during the year?
60	Do you have records, as described below, to support expenses?
	Tax law and IRS regulations allow deductions for travel and entertainment if adequate records can be presented.
	Information must include: 1 Amount; 2 Time and place; 3 Date; 4 Business purpose; 5 Description of gift(s);
	and 6 Business relationship of recipient.
61	Did you purchase special fuels for non-highway use?
	If yes, please list the type of use and the number of gallons for each fuel.