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X = EIN:

State =

Date 1 =

Year 1 =

Dear :

This responds to a letter dated April 30, 2004, submitted on behalf of X, requesting a ruling under § 1362(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

X was incorporated on Date 1 under the laws of State. The shareholder of X intended that X elect S corporation treatment effective on Date 1, but X's Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation, was not timely filed. Accordingly, X requests a ruling that it will be treated as an S corporation effective Date 1.

Section 1362(b)(5) of the Code provides that if – (A) an election under § 1362(a) is made for any taxable year 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. Accordingly, provided that X makes an election to be an S corporation by filing a completed Form 2553 with the appropriate service center effective Date 1, within 60 days following the date of this letter, then such election will be treated as timely made for X's Year 1 taxable year. A copy of this letter should be attached to the Form 2553.

Except as specifically set forth above, no opinion is expressed or implied as to the federal income tax consequences of the transaction described above under any other provision of the Code. Specifically, no opinion is expressed concerning whether X is, in fact, an S corporation for federal tax purposes.

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

Pursuant to the power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to X's authorized representative.

Sincerely yours,

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