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X =

A =

D1 =

Year 1 =

Dear :

This letter responds to your letter dated June 30, 1999, and subsequent correspondence, requesting a ruling under § 1362(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The information submitted states that X was incorporated on D1. A, the president of X, represents that X intended to elect to be an S corporation beginning Year 1, its first taxable year. The Minutes of the Joint First Meeting of Shareholders and Board of Directors of X indicate that X was to elect S corporation status. X also indicated on its Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, that it was an S corporation. However, X's attorney and X's accountant each thought it was the responsibility of the other to prepare a Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation. Therefore, no Form 2553 was prepared and timely submitted to the Internal Revenue Service.

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 for X's Year 1 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 its Year 1 taxable year, 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 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 requesting 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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