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**Advance Ruling Period Ends:**

May 30, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the amendment to your organization's Articles of Incorporation filed with the state on August 26, 2002. We have updated our records to reflect the name change as indicated above.

Our records indicate that by a determination letter issued in May 2001 your organization was recognized as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Because your organization was newly created, we did not at that time make a final determination of its foundation classification under section 509(a) of the Code. However, based on information submitted with the application, we classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because it can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

According to this advance ruling, your organization will be treated as a publicly-supported organization and not as a private foundation until the end of the advance ruling period as shown above. Within 90 days from the end of the advance ruling period, your organization must submit to us information needed to determine whether it has met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. This information is currently supplied on the Form 8734, *Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period*.

Grantors and contributors may rely on the determination that your organization is not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of its advance ruling period. If the organization submits the required information within 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until the Service makes a final determination of your organization's foundation status.

The classification discussed in paragraph three (3) was based on the assumption that your organization's operations would continue as stated in its application. If your organization's sources of support, or its character, method of operations, or purposes have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your organization's exempt status and foundation status.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, *Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax*, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.