## Internal Revenue Service

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59-2924021

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request regarding your organization's federal tax status.

Our records indicate that your organization is a governmental instrumentality or a political subdivision of a state.

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One exclusion is provided by section 115(1) of the Code, which excludes from gross income: "...income derived from ... the exercise of any essential governmental function and accruing to a State or any political subdivision thereof ...'

Your organization's income may not be subject to tax, either because the organization is a governmental unit (or an "integral part" thereof), or because the income is excluded under section 115. In addition, your organization may also be eligible to receive charitable contributions, which are deductible for federal income, estate, and gift tax purposes. Also, your organization is probably exempt from many federal excise taxes.

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Sincerely,

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Your organization may also qualify for exemption from federal income tax as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code. If the organization is an entity separate from the state, county, or municipal government, and if it does not have powers or purposes inconsistent with exemption (such as the power to tax or to exercise enforcement of regulatory powers), your organization would qualify under section 501(c)(3). To apply for exemption, complete Form 1023 and pay the required user fee.