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Dear : [REDACTED]

We are answering correspondence, submitted by your representative, requesting automatic relief in order to establish January 1, 2001, as the effective date for your S corporation election. Based on the information provided, an election was sent but the Internal Revenue Service failed to receive it timely for 2001. Automatic relief under Revenue Procedure 97-48 is unavailable because the IRS failed to receive a timely Form 1120S tax return for the 2001 taxable year. Although we are unable to respond to your request as submitted, this letter provides information relating to your situation.

Announcement 97-4 (copy enclosed) provides guidance on seeking relief for late S corporation elections. Generally, to request relief for a late S corporation election you must request a private letter ruling from the National Office. The information forwarded to our office is insufficient for us to process a private letter ruling request. The procedures for requesting a private letter ruling are set forth in Revenue Procedure 2003-1 (copy enclosed). In addition, taxpayers must submit a user fee along with their ruling request. The standard user fee for a private letter ruling is \$6,000; however, taxpayers with gross income of less than \$1 million on their tax return for the most recent 12-month taxable year, qualify for a **reduced user fee** in the amount of \$500. If you qualify for the reduced fee, you must include a statement claiming that your gross income for the last 12-month taxable year was less than one million dollars.

If you decide to submit a formal request for a private letter ruling, please follow the sample format provided in Appendix B of Rev. Proc. 2003-1. Your request should include all required procedural statements, a check for the user fee, and any documents that substantiate your intent to be an S corporation from inception. Please refer your request to our office by adding the following to the address:

Attn: CC:PA:T  
P.O. Box 7604  
Ben Franklin Station  
Washington, DC 20044

Direct to: CC:PSI:1  
Room 5002

Incidentally, the IRS has developed two compact discs to help educate small business owners on their tax responsibilities: (1) *Introduction to Federal Taxes for Small Business/Self-Employed*; and (2) *A Virtual Small Business Workshop*. These items are free and can be ordered by calling 1-800-829-3676. The IRS also makes information available to small business taxpayers online at [www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index](http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index).

Please keep this letter with your tax records and feel free to provide a copy of it to your authorized representative. We hope that the above information proves helpful.

Sincerely yours,

/s/  
DIANNA K. MIOSI  
Chief, Branch 1  
Associate Chief Counsel  
(Passthroughs and Special Industries)

Enclosures:  
Announcement 97-4  
Rev. Proc. 2003-1