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X =
EIN:

A =
SSN:

D1 =

D2 =

Dear :

This letter responds to a letter dated February 14, 2005, submitted on behalf of X, requesting a ruling under § 1362(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FACTS

The information submitted states that X was incorporated on D1. A, the treasurer of X, represents that the shareholders of X intended that X elect to be an S corporation effective D2. However, X inadvertently failed to timely file a Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation. Accordingly, X requests a ruling that it will be treated as an S corporation effective D2.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Section 1362(a) provides that a small business corporation may elect to be an S corporation. Section 1362(b) provides the rule on when an S election will be effective.

Section 1362(b)(2) provides that if an S election is made within the first two and one-half months of a corporation's taxable year, then the corporation will be treated as an S corporation for the year in which the election is made. Under § 1362(b)(3),

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however, if an S election is made after the first two and one-half months of a corporation's taxable year, then that corporation will not be treated as an S corporation until the taxable year after the year in which the S election is filed.

Section 1362(b)(5) 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.

CONCLUSION

Based solely on the facts and representations submitted, we conclude that X has established reasonable cause for failing to make a timely election to be an S corporation effective D2. Accordingly, provided that X makes an election to be an S corporation by filing a completed Form 2553 effective D2, along with a copy of this letter, with the appropriate service center within 60 days from the date of this letter, then such election will be treated as timely made for D2.

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, include whether X was or is a small business corporation under § 1361(b).

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (2)

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