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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Attention:

Dear Senator Lugar:

This letter responds to your letter dated May 20, 2011, on behalf of your constituent, . asked whether the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) would adjust the standard mileage rate to reflect recent increases in the price of gasoline.

On June 23, 2011, we announced an increase in the standard mileage rate. See Announcement 2011-40 which will appear in Internal Revenue Bulletin No. 2011-29 on July 18, 2011. The business standard mileage rate for miles traveled between July 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011, increases from 51 cents per mile to 55.5 cents per mile. The medical and moving standard mileage rate for the same period increases from 19 cents per mile to 23.5 cents per mile.

I hope this information is helpful. As requested, I am replying in duplicate and returning your enclosure. If we can be of further assistance, please contact me at () , or , Identification Number , at () .

Sincerely,

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(Income Tax and Accounting)

Enclosures (2)