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Date: 03/28/2023 Taxpayer ID number (last 4 digits):

Form:

Tax periods ended:

Person to contact: Name: ID number: Telephone:

Last day to file petition with United States Tax Court:

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Dear

Why we are sending you this letter

This is a final determination that you don't qualify for exemption from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(a) as an organization described in IRC Section 501(c)(3), effective Your determination letter dated is revoked.

Our adverse determination as to your exempt status was made for the following reasons: Organizations described in IRC Section 501(c)(3) and exempt under IRC Section 501(a) must be both organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or other exempt purposes within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(3). You have not demonstrated that you are operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or other exempt purposes within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(3) and that no part of your net earnings inure to the benefit of private shareholders or individuals. You failed to respond to repeated reasonable requests to allow the Internal Revenue Service to examine your records regarding your receipts, expenditures, or activities as required by IRC sections 6001, 6033(a)(1) and Rev. Rul. 59-95, 1959-1 C.B. 627. Further, you are not organized exclusively for exempt purposes as required by Treas. Reg. Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(1), nor are your assets dedicated exclusively to exempt purposes as required by Treas. Reg. Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(4).

Organizations that are not exempt under IRC Section 501 generally are required to file federal income tax returns and pay tax, where applicable. For further instructions, forms and information please visit IRS.gov.

Contributions to your organization are no longer deductible under IRC Section 170.

What you must do if you disagree with this determination

If you want to contest our final determination, you have 90 days from the date this determination letter was mailed to you to file a petition or complaint in one of the three federal courts listed below.

How to file your action for declaratory judgment

If you decide to contest this determination, you can file an action for declaratory judgment under the provisions of Section 7428 of the Code in either:

- The United States Tax Court.
- The United States Court of Federal Claims, or
- The United States District Court for the District of Columbia

You must file a petition or complaint in one of these three courts within 90 days from the date we mailed this determination letter to you. You can download a fillable petition or complaint form and get information about filing at each respective court's website listed below or by contacting the Office of the Clerk of the Court at one of the addresses below. Be sure to include a copy of this letter and any attachments and the applicable filing fee with the petition or complaint.

You can eFile your completed U.S. Tax Court petition by following the instructions and user guides available on the Tax Court website at **ustaxcourt.gov/dawson.html**. You will need to register for a DAWSON account to do so. You may also file your petition at the address below:

United States Tax Court 400 Second Street, NW Washington, DC 20217 ustaxcourt.gov

The websites of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia contain instructions about how to file your completed complaint electronically. You may also file your complaint at one of the addresses below:

US Court of Federal Claims 717 Madison Place, NW Washington, DC 20439 uscfc.uscourts.gov

US District Court for the District of Columbia 333 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001 dcd.uscourts.gov

Processing of income tax returns and assessments of any taxes due will not be delayed if you file a petition for declaratory judgment under IRC Section 7428.

We'll notify the appropriate state officials (as permitted by law) of our determination that you aren't an organization described in IRC Section 501(c)(3).

Information about the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service

The IRS office whose phone number appears at the top of the notice can best address and access your tax information and help get you answers. However, you may be eligible for free help from the Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) if you can't resolve your tax problem with the IRS, or you believe an IRS procedure just isn't working as it should. TAS is an independent organization within the IRS that helps taxpayers and protects taxpayer rights. Contact your local Taxpayer Advocate Office at:

Or call TAS at 877-777-4778. For more information about TAS and your rights under the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, go to taxpayeradvocate.IRS.gov. Do not send your federal court pleading to the TAS address listed above. Use the applicable federal court address provided earlier in the letter. Contacting TAS does not extend the time to file an action for declaratory judgment.

Where you can find more information

Enclosed are Publication 1, Your Rights as a Taxpayer, and Publication 594, The IRS Collection Process, for more comprehensive information.

Find tax forms or publications by visiting IRS.gov/forms or calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676). If you have questions, you can call the person shown at the top of this letter.

If you prefer to write, use the address shown at the top of this letter. Include your telephone number, the best time to call, and a copy of this letter.

You may fax your documents to the fax number shown above, using either a fax machine or online fax service. Protect yourself when sending digital data by understanding the fax service's privacy and security policies.

Keep the original letter for your records.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Brinkley

Director, Exempt Organizations Examinations

Enclosures: Publication 1 Publication 594

Publication 892



Date:

May 17, 2022 Taxpayer ID number:

Form:

Tax periods ended:

Person to contact:

Name:

ID number:

Telephone:

Fax:

Address:

Manager's contact information:

Name:

ID number:

Telephone:

Response due date:

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Dear

Why you're receiving this letter

We enclosed a copy of our audit report, Form 886-A, Explanation of Items, explaining that we propose to revoke your tax-exempt status as an organization described in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

If you agree

If you haven't already, please sign the enclosed Form 6018, Consent to Proposed Action, and return it to the contact person shown at the top of this letter. We'll issue a final adverse letter determining that you aren't an organization described in IRC Section 501(c)(3) for the periods above.

After we issue the final adverse determination letter, we'll announce that your organization is no longer eligible to receive tax deductible contributions under IRC Section 170.

If you disagree

- 1. Request a meeting or telephone conference with the manager shown at the top of this letter.
- 2. Send any information you want us to consider.
- 3. File a protest with the IRS Appeals Office. If you request a meeting with the manager or send additional information as stated in 1 and 2, above, you'll still be able to file a protest with IRS Appeals Office after the meeting or after we consider the information.

The IRS Appeals Office is independent of the Exempt Organizations division and resolves most disputes informally. If you file a protest, the auditing agent may ask you to sign a consent to

Letter 3618 (Rev. 8-2019) Catalog Number 34809F extend the period of limitations for assessing tax. This is to allow the IRS Appeals Office enough time to consider your case. For your protest to be valid, it must contain certain specific information, including a statement of the facts, applicable law, and arguments in support of your position. For specific information needed for a valid protest, refer to Publication 892, How to Appeal an IRS Determination on Tax-Exempt Status.

Fast Track Mediation (FTM) referred to in Publication 3498, The Examination Process, generally doesn't apply now that we've issued this letter.

4. Request technical advice from the Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Tax Exempt Government Entities) if you feel the issue hasn't been addressed in published precedent or has been treated inconsistently by the IRS.

If you're considering requesting technical advice, contact the person shown at the top of this letter. If you disagree with the technical advice decision, you will be able to appeal to the IRS Appeals Office, as explained above. A decision made in a technical advice memorandum, however, generally is final and binding on Appeals.

If we don't hear from you

If you don't respond to this proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, we'll issue a final adverse determination letter.

Contacting the Taxpayer Advocate Office is a taxpayer right

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS that can help protect your taxpayer rights. TAS can offer you help if your tax problem is causing a hardship, or you've tried but haven't been able to resolve your problem with the IRS. If you qualify for TAS assistance, which is always free, TAS will do everything possible to help you. Visit www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov or call 877-777-4778.

For additional information

You can get any of the forms and publications mentioned in this letter by visiting our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, you can contact the person shown at the top of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Lynn A. Brinkley

Acting Director

Exempt Organizations Examinations

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Enclosures: Form 886-A and Attachments Form 6018

Form 886-A	Form 886-A Department of the Treasury – Internal Revenue Service Explanations of Items			
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Issue:			<u></u>	
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Mail holding a	nd forwarding			
Call-in mail ch	eck			
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As noted on IDR issued with the examination notice, the examination of books and records is intended to verify that the organization:

- 1. Operates in accordance with section 501(c)(3) of the Code
- 2. Is eligible to file Form 990-N based on gross receipts, and
- Filed all required returns including information returns.

As part of standard audit procedures, the IRS examiner requested that furnish certain records and information needed to determine whether the organization is operating in furtherance of charitable and other exempt purposes described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code. IDR issued to on , requests copies of the following records and information covering the calendar year under examination:

- Chart of accounts
- General ledger
- Adjusted trial balance
- · Cash disbursements journal.
- Monthly bank statements for primary operating (checking) account together with canceled checks or check images furnished by the bank.
- Monthly statements for all credit cards that may have been issued to
- Minutes of meetings held by Board of Directors and committees of the Board.
- Internal policies and procedures regarding the handling and recording of cash donations.
- Lease agreements and other information relating to any office or other facility used by conduct activities.
- Contracts and other arrangements with individuals and/or organizations which solicit and raise funds for including, but not limited to, professional fundraising organizations.
- The organization's website address, if any, and the identity of the party that hosts the website.
- Information regarding the accounting software used by records.
 for preparation of its books and

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, was given additional time to compile and furnish the records and information requested by the IRS examiner. The response due date on the IDR was

On	the IRS examiner's grou	ıp manager	received a telephone call from an
officer of	Wit	h	consent, the group manager
conferenced in the IRS	examiner assigned to the	ne case.	acknowledged receipt of the
IRS notice of examinat	ion package for	However, h	he did not discuss the finances or

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activities of the organization. Instead, he described circumstances that he believed warranted an extension of time to compile records and respond to the initial IDR. The group manager granted an extension to

did not respond to the IDR or otherwise contact the IRS examiner or the group manager by the extended due date. In early , the group manager attempted to contact by telephone using the contact telephone numbers that he provided. did not answer the phone and the group manager did not subsequently receive a return call. Neither the IRS examiner nor the group manager subsequently received any of the requested records and information from or any other officer or director of

In accordance with established IRS procedures, a follow-up "Delinquency Notice" letter was issued to with a copy of IDR The delinquency notice states, in part, that if the organization does not fully respond to the IDR by the response due date, the IRS will propose revocation of exempt status. did not respond to the delinquency notice or otherwise contact the IRS examiner. The delinquency notice was not returned by the post office as undeliverable.

A search of the corporate database, which provides information on the status of entities incorporated under , shows that was administratively dissolved effective for failure to file its annual report. See Exhibit C. Furthermore, the IRS examiner found no record of having filed any amendment to its Articles of Incorporation with the state. of Exhibit C shows that Articles of Incorporation is the only document available for viewing on the state website.

Despite its name, there is no evidence that is an affiliate or chapter of the network of charities that operate within the . The organization maintains a website which allows users to search for is not among the listed. The Form 990-N filed by with the IRS in does not identify any website address in section E.

Applicable Law:

Section 501(c)(3) of the Code provides that an organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes is exempt from Federal income tax, provided no part of its net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(a)(1) of the Treasury Regulations states that to be exempt as an organization described in section 501(c)(3), an organization must be both organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in such section - charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. If an organization fails to meet either the organizational test or the operational test, it is not exempt.

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Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(1)(i) of the regulations provides that an organization is organized exclusively for one or more exempt purposes only if its articles of organization (as defined in subparagraph (2)) limit its purposes to one or more exempt purposes and do not expressly empower it to engage, otherwise than as an insubstantial part of its activities, in activities which in themselves are not in furtherance of one or more exempt purposes.

Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(1)(iv) of the regulations provides that in no case shall an organization be considered to be organized exclusively for one or more exempt purposes if, by the terms of its articles, the purposes for which such organization is created are broader than the purposes specified in section 501(c)(3). The fact that the actual operations of such an organization have been exclusively in furtherance of one or more exempt purposes shall not be sufficient to permit the organization to meet the organizational test. Similarly, such an organization will not meet the organizational test as a result of statements or other evidence that the members thereof intend to operate only in furtherance of one or more exempt purposes.

Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(2) of the regulations provides that the term "articles of organization" or "articles" includes the trust instrument, the corporate charter, the articles of association, or any other written instrument by which an organization is created.

Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(4) of the regulations provides that an organization is not organized exclusively for one or more exempt purposes unless its assets are dedicated to an exempt purpose. An organization's assets will be considered dedicated to an exempt purpose, for example, if, upon dissolution, such assets would, by reason of a provision in the organization's articles or by operation of law, be distributed for one or more exempt purposes, or to the Federal government, or to a State or local government, for a public purpose, or would be distributed by a court to another organization to be used in such manner as in the judgment of the court will best accomplish the general purposes for which the dissolved organization was organized. However, an organization does not meet the organizational test if its articles or the law of the State in which it was created provide that its assets would, upon dissolution, be distributed to its members or shareholders.

Rev. Proc. 82-2, 1982-1 C.B. 367 identifies the states and the circumstances in which the IRS will not require an express provision for the distribution of assets upon dissolution in an exempt organization's articles of organization to satisfy the organizational test requirement described in section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(4) of the regulations. Section 3.03 of the revenue procedure lists eight states which have statutes applicable to nonprofit charitable corporations that will satisfy the provisions of regulations section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(4). The State of is not included among the eight listed states. Section 3.03 of Rev, Proc. 82-2 further provides that a nonprofit corporation in a jurisdiction not listed needs an adequate dissolution provision in its organizing document to satisfy section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(4).

Section 1.501(c)((3)-1(c)) of the regulations describes the operational test requirements for 501(c)(3) exemption. The operational test focuses on how the organization is actually operated, regardless of whether it is properly organized for tax-exempt purposes.

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Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(c)(1) of the regulations provides that an organization will be regarded as "operated exclusively" for one or more exempt purposes only if it engages primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of such exempt purposes specified in section 501(c)(3). An organization will not be so regarded if more than an insubstantial part of its activities is not in furtherance of an exempt purpose. This is referred to as the "primary activities" test.

Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(c)(2) of the regulations provides that an organization is not operated exclusively for one or more exempt purposes if its net earnings inure in whole or in part to the benefit of private shareholders or individuals.

Section 511 of the Code imposes a tax at corporate rates under section 11 on the unrelated business taxable income of certain tax-exempt organizations.

Section 6001 of the Code provides, in part, that every person liable for any tax imposed by this title, or for the collection thereof, shall keep such records, render such statements, make such returns, and comply with such rules and regulations as the Secretary may from time to time prescribe. Whenever in the judgment of the Secretary it is necessary, he may require any person, by notice served upon such person or by regulations, to make such returns, render such statements, or keep such records, as the Secretary deems sufficient to show whether or not such person is liable for tax under this title.

Section 1.6001-1(c) of the regulations provides that in addition to such permanent books and records as are required by paragraph (a) of this section with respect to the tax imposed by section 511 on unrelated business income of certain exempt organizations, every organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) shall keep such permanent books of account or records, including inventories, as are sufficient to show specifically the items of gross income, receipts and disbursements. Such organizations shall also keep such books and records as are required to substantiate the information required by section 6033. See section 6033 and regulations sections 1.6033-1 through 1.6033-3.

Section 1.6001-1(e) of the regulations provides that the books or records required by this section shall be kept at all times available for inspection by authorized internal revenue officers or employees and, shall be retained as long as the contents thereof may be material in the administration of any internal revenue law.

Section 6033 of the Code provides, in general, that every organization exempt under IRC 501(a) shall file an annual return, stating specifically the items of gross income, receipts, and disbursements, and such other information for the purpose of carrying out the Internal Revenue laws as the Secretary may by forms of regulations prescribe, and shall keep such records, render under oath such statements, make such other returns, and comply with such rules and regulations as the Secretary may from time to time prescribe.

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Section 6033 of the Code provides an exception to the annual filing requirement in the case of an organization described in section 501(c) (other than a private foundation or a supporting organization described in section 509(a)(3)) the gross receipts of which in each taxable year are normally not more than \$50,000. See section 1.6033-2(g)(1)(iii) of the regulations.

Section 1.6033-2(g)(5) of the regulations provide that an organization that is not required to file an annual return by virtue of the gross receipts exception must submit an annual electronic notice notification as described in section 6033(i) of the Code.

Section 1.6033-2(i)(2) of the regulations provides that every organization which is exempt from tax, whether or not it is required to file an annual information return, shall submit such additional information as may be required by the Internal Revenue Service for the purpose of inquiring into its exempt status and administering the provisions of subchapter F (section 501 and following), chapter 1 of subtitle A of the Code and section 6033.

Rev. Rul. 59-95, 1959-1 C.B. 627, concerns an exempt organization that was requested to produce a financial statement and statement of its operations for a certain year. However, its records were so incomplete that the organization was unable to furnish such statements. The Service held that the failure or inability to file the required information return or otherwise to comply with the provisions of section 6033 of the Code and the regulations which implement it, may result in the termination of the exempt status of an organization previously held exempt, on the grounds that the organization has not established that it is observing the conditions required for the continuation of exempt status.

Organization's Position:

Taxpayer's position is unknown at this time.

Government's Position:

Analysis

The facts indicate received recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the that Code in based on information presented in its Form 1023 application including accompanying attachments and supplemental correspondence with the IRS determination specialist.

is currently recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Accordingly, must be both organized and operated exclusively for charitable and/or other purposes specified in such section. See section 1.501(c)(3)-1(a)(1) of the regulations. The TE/GE division of the IRS maintains an examination program for exempt organizations to determine whether they are complying with statutory requirements regarding their tax-exempt status.

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Organizational Test Not Met

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submitted by	with its Form	1023 application.	corporate purpo	se as specified in
its organizing dod	cument is to activel	y assist individuals,	who)
				during their
. ar	nd recovery	Such purpose is broad	ler than the exempt	purposes specified
in Code section 5	501(c)(3) and can b	e accomplished by acti	vities that are not ex	clusively charitable
in nature. Taxpa	yer's organizing do	cument contains no pro	vision that limits its	purposes or
activities to those	exempt purposes	described in section 50	1(c)(3) of the Code.	See sections
1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(1)(i) and (iv) of the	regulations.		

as evidenced by the Articles of Incorporation

An organization is not organized exclusively for one or more exempt purposes unless its assets are dedicated to an exempt purpose. See section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(4) of the regulations. The issue of the applicability of state law in relation to Reg. 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(4) as to a particular organization arises only where the organization itself has not provided for the distribution of its assets upon dissolution in its organizing document. See Rev. Proc. 82-2 cited above. As a nonprofit corporation organized in the needs an adequate dissolution provision in its organizing document to satisfy section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(4). An organizing document can be amended only in accordance with State law which generally requires the filing of the amendments with the applicable governmental authority.

The IRS determination specialist who reviewed the 1023 application correctly identified the deficiencies in organizing document and requested that the organization amend its Articles of Incorporation to include adequate purpose and dissolution language to satisfy the organizational test requirements set forth in section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b) of the regulations. The President signed off on a statement affirming the filing of an amendment to its organizing document. See Exhibit A. However, the IRS examiner assigned to examine books and records could find no evidence of an amendment having been filed with the Absent evidence to the contrary, the IRS asserts that organizing document fails the organizational test described in regulations section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b).

Operational Test Not Met

was selected for audit to ensure that the organization's activities and operations align with their approved exempt status and to verify whether was eligible to file Form 990-N based on gross receipts. As part of standard audit procedures, the IRS examiner requested basic financial records including books of account, minutes of Board meetings and records and information pertaining to activities. Such records and information are needed to verify whether continues to be operated exclusively for one or more of the exempt purposes specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Section 6001 of the Code and the regulations thereunder impose requirements on exempt organizations to keep books and records to substantiate information required under section 6033

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of the Code. Although filed an electronic notice in lieu of a return, the organization is nevertheless required to produce records and other information requested by the IRS to verify that it operates in furtherance of its exempt purpose. See regulations section 1.6033-2(i)(2).

failed to respond to repeated reasonable requests to allow the IRS to examine its books and records including its receipts, disbursements, and other items required to be kept and maintained pursuant to sections 6001 and 6033(a)(1) of the Code.

has failed to meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3) of the Code and Accordingly, sections 1.501(c)(3)-1(a) and 1.501(c)(3)-1(c) of the regulations, in that the organization has not established that it is operated exclusively for exempt purposes and that no part of its net earnings inures to the benefit of private shareholders or individuals. See also Rev. Rul. 59-95. 1959-1 C.B. 627.

Conclusion:

For the reasons	stated above	e, the IRS ha	as determined that	is no longer exempt from
Federal income	tax under se	ction 501(a)	of the Code as an organ	nization described in Code
section 501(c)(3	3). The IRS i	s proposing	to revoke 501	(c)(3) tax-exempt status effective
j	the	of the	calendar year under ex	amination.

Please note that this Form 886-A, Explanation of Items, which is also known as the revenue agent report (RAR), constitutes an integral part of the attached letter #3618. Please refer to the attached letter #3618 for additional information including appeals rights and other options available to the organization and, the instructions for how to respond.

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