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Individual Tax Return Engagement Letter

This letter is to inform you, the taxpayer, of the services we will provide and the responsibilities you have for preparation of your tax return.

Tax Return Preparation:

- We will prepare your 2020 federal and state income tax returns based on information you provide.
- This engagement does not include our representation of you if audited or examined by a taxing authority, unless you purchased the **Gold** package separately. In the event your return is audited, you will be responsible for verifying all items.
- You must review your return carefully before signing to make sure the information is accurate.
- **Fees must be paid before your tax return is delivered to you or filed for you. If you terminate this engagement before completion, you agree to pay a fee for work completed.**
- A \$250.00 retainer is required for preparation of prior year returns.
- Fees charged for tax return preparation do not include audit representation or preparing materials to respond to correspondence from taxing authorities **unless** you purchased a **Silver** or **Gold** package separately.
- Fees do not include additional time spent after your return has been delivered unless discussed in advance. This includes receiving updated tax documents and discussions regarding your tax returns.
- Any bookkeeping and research services required in order to complete your tax return will be billed to you.
- This engagement to prepare your 2020 income tax return will terminate upon delivery of your completed returns and original documents to you. Please store your supporting documents and copies of your tax returns in a secure place for at least seven years.
- Any returns without complete tax information received by March 20th will be put on extension. We require a signed Extension Agreement for returns we put on extension and may require a \$300 retainer. Any return that does not have complete information in by June 15th will be charged an additional \$300 fee.

Taxpayer Responsibility:

- You agree to provide us all income and deductible expense information. If you receive additional information after we begin working on your return, you will contact us immediately to ensure your completed tax returns contain all relevant information.
- M. Greenwald Associates LLP prepares returns on a first in first out basis. If documents or worksheets are requested you have 48 hours to return the information, otherwise your return goes to the back of the line.
- You affirm that all expenses or other deduction amounts are accurate, and you have all required supporting written records. In some cases, we will ask to review your documentation.
- You must be able to provide written records of all items included on your return if audited by either the IRS or any state tax authority. We can provide guidance concerning what evidence is acceptable.
- You acknowledge you have completed both Questionnaires (Taxpayer & Covid) either alone or with a member of our team.
- You affirm that if you have foreign bank accounts or gamble online you have either completed the FBAR filing requirements or given us the information to complete it for you.

All documents must be in our office by March 20th to guarantee April 15th completion!

Fees: Fees for services vary based on the condition of your records, the complexity of the return, and the amount of correspondence and length of meetings required in order to obtain complete and organized information. Fees might also include other factors deemed relevant, including the difficulty of the issues and the skill required to perform the accounting, tax, or other service properly, time limitations imposed either by you or the circumstances, and length of the professional relationship between us. Interim billings may be submitted as work progresses and a retainer may be required depending on the situation. (Invoices are payable upon presentation.) Tax returns will not be filed until authorization and payment for services rendered has been received. Attorney fees and collection costs incurred by us in connection with your balance will be charged to you. You acknowledge and agree that, at our election, we are not required to continue work in the event of your failure to pay on a timely basis for services rendered as required by this engagement letter.

_____ Taxpayer

_____ Spouse

You further acknowledge and agree that if we withdraw from this engagement or stop work, we shall not be liable to you for any damages that may occur as a result of our ceasing to render services. Our services will conclude upon delivery of the completed income tax returns discussed above or upon our suspension of services or resignation from the engagement.

Any estimated fee provided to you prior to work commencing is based on anticipated prompt and complete cooperation from you, and the assumption that complete documentation will be provided at the outset of the engagement and unexpected circumstances will not be encountered. Situations that may result in additional fees include: additional requests for information, additional phone calls or meetings, research, answers to questions posed during the tax preparation process, cleanup of accounting records, and preparation of reconciliations and/or summary schedules. If additional time is required by us to complete, summarize, or correct tasks that are your responsibility, or to handle unexpected circumstances, the fees for that time will be billed at our standard rates. If for any reason this engagement is terminated, we will bill for services performed up to and including the date of termination.

New Developments: This year's pandemic has triggered numerous legislative laws, many of which may affect your tax situation for 2020 and beyond. We have provided you with a "Covid Questionnaire" which will alert us to many of the relevant circumstances that may have affected you. Based on your answers and any additional information you provide to us, we will utilize the current laws, subject to possible retroactive change, to complete your return as favorably and accurately as possible. If laws change and an amendment of your return is required additional fees will apply unless you are participating in our **Gold** package.

Signature(s): By signing below, you acknowledge that you read, understand, and accept your obligations and responsibilities and that you understand our responsibilities in preparing your tax returns as explained above. By signing, you also acknowledge that you will receive our Privacy Policy with your tax return. For a joint return, we request that both parties sign and if they don't the party who signed will be completely responsible for the above on behalf of both parties. Your fee for these services will be based upon the amount of time required at standard billing rates plus out-of-pocket expenses.

I/We, hereby authorize and guarantee payment for all services rendered. In the event that my account becomes delinquent for more than thirty (30) days, I also agree to pay a finance charge of 1.75% per month on any balance due, as well as all collection agency costs, court costs, attorney fees, all not to exceed 50% of the outstanding balance as well as all interest fees accrued with the collection of this account.

Taxpayer

Spouse

Date