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Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

Based on the information you recently submitted, we have classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code because you are described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in 501(c)(3) is still in effect.

This classification is based on the assumption that your operations will continue as you have stated. If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status.

This supersedes our letter dated July 9, 2002.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

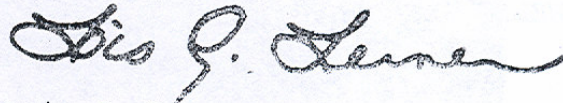
If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Letter 1078 (DO/CG)

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

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