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### Legend

A =

Corporation =

CPA =

D1 =

D2 =

Dear

This letter responds to a letter dated September 14, 1998, submitted on behalf of Corporation, requesting a ruling under section 1362(b)(5) of the Code that Corporation's S corporation election will be effective as of D1.

### **Facts**

A formed and incorporated his business, Corporation, on D1. Also on D1, CPA completed Forms SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, and 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation, on behalf of Corporation and gave them to A to be signed and mailed to the appropriate Internal Revenue Service Center. On D2, A died. The form 2553 was not timely filed.

Corporation requests a ruling that it will be recognized as an S corporation beginning D1.

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## **Analysis**

Section 1362(a) provides that a small business corporation may elect to be an S corporation.

Section 1362(b) governs the effective date of an S election. If an S election is made within the first two and one half months of a corporation's taxable year, then that corporation will be treated as an S corporation for the year in which the election is made. 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 made.

Section 1362(b)(5) provides that if: (1) no section 1362(a) election is made for any taxable year, and (2) the Secretary determines that there was reasonable cause for the failure to timely make such election, then 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 Corporation has established reasonable cause for not making a timely election and is eligible for relief under section 1362(b)(5). Accordingly, provided Corporation makes an election to be an S corporation by filing with the appropriate Service Center a completed Form 2553, containing an effective date of D1 for the election, within 60 days following the date of this letter, then such election will be treated as timely made. A copy of this letter should be attached to the Form 2553 filed with the Service Center. A copy is enclosed for that purpose.

Except as specifically set forth above, we express no opinion concerning the federal tax consequences of the facts described above under any other provision of the Code. Specifically, no opinion is expressed concerning whether Corporation is, in fact, an S corporation for federal tax purposes.

Pursuant to a power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this ruling is being sent to your authorized representative.

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

Sincerely,

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Acting Chief, Branch 3  
Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel  
(Passthroughs and Special Industries)

Enclosures (2)  
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