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Dear

This letter responds to your inquiry dated April 11, 2005, regarding a late election under Subchapter S for the taxable year. Automatic relief is unavailable pursuant to Revenue Procedure 97-48, because your tax return Form 1120S was filed late. Similarly, you are ineligible for relief pursuant to Revenue Procedure 2003-43 because your return was filed after the six month extension period provided.

Generally, to request relief for a late S corporation election you must request a private letter ruling (PLR) from the National Office. The procedures for requesting a PLR are set forth in Revenue Procedure 2005-1 (copy enclosed). The standard user fee for a PLR request is \$7,000; however, if your entity's gross income was less than \$1 million on the tax return, you may pay the reduced user fee in the amount of \$625. In order for the lower fee to be accepted, your PLR submission must include a brief statement verifying the entity's gross income for the taxable year.

If you decide to submit a formal request for a PLR, please follow the sample format shown in Appendix B of Rev. Proc. 2005-1. Your request must include required procedural statements, a user fee check, and documents that substantiate your intent to elect S corporation status. Please refer your ruling request to the following address:

Attn: CC:PA:T P.O. Box 7604 Ben Franklin Station Washington, DC 20044 <u>Direct to:</u> CC:PSI:1

Incidentally, the IRS has developed two compact discs to help educate small business owners on their tax responsibilities: (1) Publication 3693, *Introduction to Federal Taxes for Small Business/Self-Employed;* and (2) Publication 3700, *Small Business Workshop.* These items are free and can be ordered by calling 1-800-829-3676. An online small business classroom is also available at <u>www.irs.gov/businesses/small.</u>

This letter has called your attention to certain general principles of the law. It is intended for informational purposes only and does not constitute a ruling. Please keep this letter with your tax records and feel free to provide a copy of it to your authorized representative. We hope that the above information proves helpful. If you have any additional questions, please contact our office at (202) 622-3050.

Sincerely,

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