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Dear Client:

Thank you for selecting Bildner & Company PC to assist with the preparation of your 2021 personal income tax returns. This letter is to specify the terms of our engagement, clarify the nature and extent of the services we will provide, and confirm an understanding of our mutual responsibilities. We will prepare the following tax returns for the year ended December 31, 2021:

- 1040 Individual Federal Income Tax Return
- 1040 Requested State & Local Income Tax Return(s),

including 2022 estimated tax payments (the “safe harbor” basis) from information that you will provide us. It is your responsibility to provide all information required to prepare your returns. We will not audit or otherwise verify the data you submit, although it may be necessary to request clarification if the information appears to be incorrect, inconsistent, or incomplete. We will furnish you with a questionnaire and if requested a client organizer to guide you in gathering the necessary information. Your use of such forms will assist us in keeping our fee to a minimum. To the extent we render any accounting and/or bookkeeping assistance, it will be limited to those tasks we deem necessary for preparation of the returns. This engagement is limited to the professional services outlined above.

Certain individuals may be required to file Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR). You are required to report the maximum value of specified foreign assets, which include financial accounts with foreign institutions and certain other foreign non-account investment assets that exceed certain thresholds. You are responsible for informing us of all foreign assets, so we may properly advise you regarding your filing obligations. The FBAR is not a tax return and its preparation is not within the scope of this engagement. If you ask us to prepare the FBAR, we will confirm this representation in a separate engagement. Failure to comply with the filing requirements may result in significant civil and criminal penalties.

We will use professional judgment to resolve questions in your favor where the tax law is unclear or where there are conflicts between the taxing authorities’ interpretation of the law and what seem to be other supportable positions. We will adopt whatever position you request as long as it is consistent with our understanding of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), tax regulations, Revenue Rulings, Revenue Procedures, Private Letter Rulings, court cases and our professional standards and ethics. If the IRS, state or local tax authorities later contest the position taken, additional tax, penalties, and interest may be assessed. We assume no liability, and you hereby release us from any liability including but not limited to, additional tax, penalties, interest, and related professional fees.

### ***Client Responsibilities***

You are responsible for maintaining adequate documentation to substantiate the accuracy and completeness of your tax returns. You should retain all documents that provide evidence and support for

reported income, credits, deductions, and other information on your returns, as required under applicable tax laws and regulations. You represent that you have such documentation and can produce it, if necessary, to respond to any audit or inquiry by tax authorities. You agree to hold our firm harmless from any liability including but not limited to, additional tax, penalties, interest and professional fees resulting from the disallowance of tax deductions due to inadequate documentation. In addition, some items may have substantiation requirements set forth by the IRS (e.g. auto, meals & entertainment, and charitable contributions, etc.). If you have any questions as to the type of records required, please ask us for advice in that regard.

We will provide you with a copy of your electronic tax returns and accompanying schedules and statements for review prior to filing with the IRS and state and local tax authorities, as applicable. You agree to review and examine them carefully for accuracy and completeness. **You have the final responsibility for the income tax returns and, therefore, you should carefully review them before you sign and file them.**

The IRS considers virtual currency (e.g., Bitcoin) as property for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As such, any transactions in, or transactions that use, virtual currency are subject to the same general tax principles that apply to other property transactions. If you had virtual currency activity during the tax year, you may be subject to tax consequences associated with such transactions and may have additional reporting obligations. You agree to provide us with complete and accurate information regarding any transactions in, or transactions that have used, virtual currency during the applicable tax year.

Your returns will be required to be filed electronically with the IRS. The IRS requires that you sign an e-file authorization form indicating that you have reviewed the return, it is correct to the best of your knowledge, and you authorize us to submit it electronically. E-filing of state and local returns varies by taxing authority. If e-file is not available, paper copies will be provided for you to sign and mail. The filing deadline for the tax returns is **April 18, 2022. Due to the high volume of tax returns prepared by our firm, the information needed to complete the tax returns must be received no later than April 8, 2022, so that the returns can be completed by the original filing due dates. If we have not received all of your information by then, an extension of the time to file may be required. Any tax due with this return must be paid with that extension. Any amounts not paid by the filing deadline may be subject to interest and late payment penalties.**

**We cannot transmit the returns to the taxing authorities until we have the signed authorization. Therefore, if you have not provided our firm with your signed authorization by April 12, 2022, we will place your return on extension, even though it might already have been completed.**

Our fee for these services will be based upon the amount of time required and complexity encountered at standard billing rates plus out-of-pocket expenses. **Payment is expected at the time you pick up your return.** We accept cash, check, credit and debit cards.

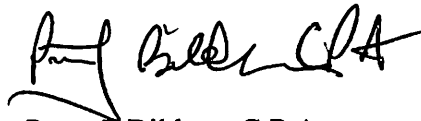
Your returns may be selected for review by the taxing authorities. Any proposed adjustments by the examining agent are subject to certain rights of appeal. In the event of such governmental tax examination, we will be available, upon request, to represent you under a separate engagement letter for that representation.

We have attached a client questionnaire to assist in gathering pertinent information relating to your tax information. Please carefully read and answer all questions. Please note that any questions left unanswered will be considered answered "no".

If the foregoing fairly sets forth your understanding, please sign this letter in the space indicated and return it to our office. Please use the space provided below to address your comments or additional requests.

We want to express our appreciation for this opportunity to work with you.

Respectfully yours,



Peter J. Bildner, C.P.A.

Accepted by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Taxpayer

\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (required for joint returns)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Comments & Suggestions:

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Please provide an email address and current phone number for our records.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions

Please check the appropriate box and include all necessary details and documentation.

	Yes	No
<b>Personal Information</b>		
Did your marital status change during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, explain: _____		
Did you live separately from your spouse during the last six months of the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a separate decree, instrument, or agreement and are not living in the same household by the end of the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did your address change from last year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can you be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you change any bank accounts, or did routing transit numbers (RTN) and/or bank account number change for existing bank accounts that have been used to direct deposit (or direct debit) funds from (or to) the IRS or other taxing authority during the tax year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you, your spouse (if applicable), and any dependents have a taxpayer identification number (SSN, ITIN, or ATIN)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the IRS or have you been a victim of identity theft? If yes, attach the IRS letter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you reside in or operate a business in a Federally declared disaster area? The Federally declared disaster areas include victims of hurricanes, tropical storms, floods, as well as wildfires.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>COVID-19 Information</b>		
Did you receive an Economic Impact Payment (EIP3) as reported on Notice 1444-C?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive an adjustment to your refund or balance due for the exclusion of unemployment compensation and/or Advance Premium Tax Credit as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive advanced Child Tax Credit (CTC) payments in July, August, September, October, November, and December?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, did you apply for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a telecommuting employee that was required to "shelter in place" due to local COVID-19 protocols while working in a state that was not your home state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive emergency leave sick pay?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive emergency family leave wages?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive any special unemployment benefits or compensation under the Coronavirus Relief Act during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are self-employed, were you unable to perform your self-employed activities due to coronavirus related care you needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are self-employed, were you unable to perform your self-employed activities due to coronavirus related care you provided to your son or daughter under the age of 18?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are self-employed, were you unable to perform your self-employed activities due to coronavirus related care you provided to another?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Dependent Information</b>		
Were there any changes in dependents from the prior year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, explain: _____		
Do you have any children under age 19 or a full-time student under age 24 with unearned income in excess of \$2,200?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Do you have dependents who must file a tax return?
- Did you provide over half the support for any other person(s) other than your dependent children during the year?
- Did you pay for child care while you worked, looked for work, or while a full-time student?
- Is there any other person(s) who lived with you more than half the year but not claimed by you last year?
- Did you pay any expenses related to the adoption of a child during the year?
- If you are divorced or separated with child(ren), do you have a divorce decree or other form of separation agreement which establishes custodial responsibilities?
- Did any dependents receive an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the IRS or have they been a victim of identity theft? If yes, attach the IRS letter.

**Purchases, Sales and Debt Information**

- Did you start a new business or purchase rental property during the year?
- Did you sell, exchange, or purchase any assets used in your trade or business?
- Did you acquire a new or additional interest in a partnership or S corporation?
- Did you sell, exchange, or purchase any real estate during the year?
- Did you purchase or sell a principal residence during the year?
- Did you foreclose or abandon a principal residence or real property during the year?
- Did you acquire or dispose of any stock during the year?
- Did you take out a home equity loan this year?
- Did you refinance a principal residence or second home this year?
- Did you sell an existing business, rental, or other property this year?
- Did you lend money with the understanding of repayment and this year it became totally uncollectable?
- Did you have any debts canceled or forgiven this year, such as a home mortgage or student loan(s)?
- Did you purchase a qualified plug-in electric drive vehicle or qualified fuel cell vehicle this year?

**Income Information**

- Did you have any foreign income or pay any foreign taxes during the year, directly or indirectly, such as from investment accounts, partnerships or a foreign employer?
- Did you receive any income from property sold prior to this year?
- Did you receive any unemployment benefits during the year?
- Did you receive any disability income during the year?
- Did you receive any Medicaid waiver payments as difficulty of care during the year?
- Did you receive tip income not reported to your employer this year?
- Did any of your life insurance policies mature, or did you surrender any policies?
- Did you receive any awards, prizes, hobby income, gambling or lottery winnings?
- Did you receive any income considered to be nonemployee compensation?
- Do you expect a large fluctuation in income, deductions, or withholding next year?
- Did you have any sales or other exchanges of virtual currencies (including from an airdrop or a hard fork, or used virtual currencies to pay for goods or services?

**Retirement Information**

- Are you an active participant in a pension or retirement plan?
- Did you receive any Social Security benefits during the year?
- Did you make any withdrawals from an IRA, Roth, Keogh, SIMPLE, SEP, 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan?
- If yes, were any withdrawals due to a Federally declared disaster?
- If you received any qualified disaster retirement plan distributions, did you repay any of the distributions in 2021?
- Did you receive any lump-sum payments from a pension, profit sharing or 401(k) plan?

Did you make any contributions to an IRA, Roth, Keogh, SIMPLE, SEP, 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan?

### Education Information

Did you, your spouse, or your dependents attend a post-secondary school during the year, or plan to attend one in the coming year?

Did you have any educational expenses during the year on behalf of yourself, your spouse, or a dependent?

Did anyone in your family receive a scholarship of any kind during the year?

If yes, were any of the scholarship funds used for expenses other than tuition, such as room and board?

Did you make any withdrawals from an education savings or 529 Plan account?

If yes, were any of these withdrawals rolled over into an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account?

Did you make any contributions to an education savings or 529 Plan account?

Did you pay any student loan interest this year?

Did you cash any Series EE or I U.S. Savings bonds issued after 1989?

Would you like a worksheet to aid in the completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the U.S. Department of Education?

### Health Care Information

Did you have qualifying health care coverage, such as employer-sponsored coverage or government-sponsored coverage (i.e. Medicare/Medicaid) for your family? "Your family" for health care coverage refers to you, your spouse if filing jointly, and anyone you can claim as a dependent.

Did you enroll for lower cost Marketplace Coverage through healthcare.gov under the Affordable Care Act?

Did you enroll for lower cost Marketplace Coverage through healthcare.gov under the Affordable Care Act and share a policy with anyone who is not included in your family?

Did you make any contributions to a Health savings account (HSA) or Archer MSA?

Did you receive any distributions from a Health savings account (HSA), Archer MSA, or Medicare Advantage MSA this year?

Did you pay long-term care premiums for yourself or your family?

Did you make any contributions to an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account?

Did you receive any withdrawals from an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account?

If you are a business owner, did you pay health insurance premiums for your employees this year?

Did you receive any Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) advance payments?

### Itemized Deduction Information

Did you incur a casualty or theft loss or any condemnation awards during the year?

If yes, did the loss occur in a Federally declared disaster area?

Did you pay out-of-pocket medical expenses (Co-pays, prescription drugs, etc.)?

Did you make any cash or noncash charitable contributions (clothes, furniture, etc.)?

If yes, please provide evidence such as a receipt from the donee organization, a canceled check, or record of payment, to substantiate all contributions made.

Did you donate a vehicle or boat during the year?

Did you pay real estate taxes for your primary home and/or second home?

Did you pay any mortgage interest on an existing home loan?

Did you incur interest expenses associated with any investment accounts you held?

Did you make any major purchases during the year (cars, boats, etc.)?

Did you make any out-of-state purchases (by telephone, internet, mail, or in person) for which the seller did not collect state sales or use tax?

**Miscellaneous Information**

- Did you make gifts of more than \$15,000 to any individual?
- Did you utilize an area of your home for business purposes?
- Did you engage in any bartering transactions?
- Did you retire or change jobs this year?
- Did you incur moving costs because of a permanent change of station as a member of the Armed Forces on active duty?
- Did you pay any individual as a household employee during the year?
- Did you make energy efficient improvements to your main home this year?
- Did you receive a distribution from, or were you a grantor or transferor for a foreign trust?
- Did you have a financial interest in or signature authority over a financial account such as a bank account, securities account, or brokerage account, located in a foreign country?
- Do you have any foreign financial accounts, foreign financial assets, or hold interest in a foreign entity?
- Did you receive correspondence from the State or the IRS?
- If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have previous years of tax returns that are either unfiled or filed with unpaid balances due?
- Do you want to designate \$3 to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund? If you check yes, it will not change your tax or reduce your refund.