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Pursuant to a power of attorney on file in this office, this responds to a letter that requests relief under §1362(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FACTS

X was incorporated on Date 1. The shareholder desired S corporation treatment for X, effective Date 1, but an election to be treated as an S corporation was not timely filed.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

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

Section 1362(b) provides the rule on when an S election will be effective. Section 1362(b)(2) provides in relevant part that if an S election is made within the first two and one-half months of a corporation's taxable year, then the corporation will be treated as an S corporation for the year in which the election is made. Under § 1362(b)(3), however, 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 filed.

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Section 1362(b)(5) provides that if: (1) no § 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 and § 1362(b)(3) shall not apply.

X did not file a timely election to be treated as an S corporation under § 1362(a) effective on Date 1. X has, however, established reasonable cause for not making a timely S election and is entitled to relief under § 1362(b)(5).

CONCLUSION

Based solely on the facts submitted and the representations made, and provided that X otherwise qualifies as an S corporation, we conclude that X will be treated as an S corporation effective Date 1. Within 60 days from the date of this letter, please submit a copy of this letter and a copy of a properly executed Form 2553 to the relevant service center.

Except as specifically set forth above, no opinion is expressed or implied as to the federal income tax consequences of the transaction described above under any other provision of the Code.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer on whose behalf it was requested. Section 6110(k)(3) provides that it may not be cited or used as precedent.

Pursuant to a power of attorney on file in this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your representative.

Sincerely yours,

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