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We look forward to helping you with your tax preparation!

Please follow these steps to begin the tax preparation process:

1. Gather your applicable documents according to the checklist on page two
2. Scan all documents and combine into one pdf file ^a
3. Upload pdf file to your client portal ^b
4. Email Admin@SusanCurranFinancial.com to let us know when your file is complete and you are ready for tax preparation ^c
5. Be sure that you receive a "Tax Submission Package Acknowledgement" email from our office confirming that we have received your notice and are submitting your documents for tax preparation. ^d

ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE CLIENT PORTAL TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR TAX PACKAGE

^a If you do not have a scanner, there are a variety of smartphone applications for free or at low cost. We discourage photos of documents.

^b On the home page of our website, www.SusanCurranFinancial.com, click on the green "Client Portal" button.

^c You must notify our office when your file is ready for tax preparation. We will not know that your file is complete and ready until you notify us.

^d If you haven't received confirmation within three business days after your initial email, please send a follow-up email or call our office.

Please contact us if you need assistance!

At your service,



Susan Curran, CPA, CFP

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- April 15th Filings
 - Recommended: February 10th
 - **Required: March 10th**
 - Returning Client Extensions: If you are unable to submit your complete tax submission package by this date, we will automatically apply for an extension of the filing deadline on your behalf.
 - **All taxes owed are due by the original filing deadline.**
- October 15th Filings
 - Recommended: June 10th
 - **Required: September 1st**
- **We must have your complete tax document file by the required *submission* deadline in order to meet your *filing* deadline.**

TAX SUBMISSION PACKAGE CHECKLIST

- Completed and signed engagement letter**
- Copy of your prior year tax return(s)—new clients only**
- All W-2s that you've received
- Form(s) 1099 that you've received (contract labor, interest, dividends, real property, etc.)
- Brokerage statements, 1099-B, 1099-INT and 1099-DIV
- Schedule(s) K-1 that you've received
- Form 1095-A for health insurance advance payment information
- Form(s) 1098 (mortgage interest) and property tax statements
- Closing statements pertaining to real estate transactions (purchases and/or sales), including 1099-S
- Any tax notices received from the IRS or other taxing authorities
- Any other information that you have that is pertinent: HSA, IRA, forgiveness of debt, charitable contributions, education expenses, child care expenses, etc.
- If you have a business or rental property** we need income and expenses provided on:
 - The attached Business Income or Rental Income organizer worksheet **OR**
 - Financial Statements: Balance Sheet and Income Statement (QBs Profit & Loss) **OR**
 - An Accountant's Copy of your QuickBooks file with a dividing date of 01/02 of current year **OR**
 - A QuickBooks Online accountant's invitation (if not already sent)
 - **And complete the 1099 Payments information box**, and if applicable, the business vehicle and home office boxes on the attached Business Income or Rental Income organizer.

TIPS FOR EFFICIENT PROCESSING

- To ensure efficient processing of your tax information and prevent additional fees.
 - Please use our organizer and worksheets
 - Do not provide unnecessary documents or duplicate any information
 - Please submit all documents as pdf files; we cannot process Excel, ZIP, PNG, or JPEG files
 - Brokerage companies often revise statements, be sure to submit the Final Copy for tax preparation

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INDIVIDUAL TAX INFORMATION

Date: _____ Primary Contact: _____

Change in Filing Status? _____

| Taxpayer | | Spouse | |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Name | _____ | Name | _____ |
| Occupation | _____ | Occupation | _____ |
| SSN | _____ | SSN | _____ |
| DOB | _____ | DOB | _____ |
| Home Phone | _____ | Home Phone | _____ |
| Work Phone | _____ | Work Phone | _____ |
| Cell Phone | _____ | Cell Phone | _____ |
| Email | _____ | Email | _____ |
| Address | _____ | County | _____ |
| City | _____ | State | _____ |
| | | Zip Code | _____ |
| Are you a US citizen? | _____ | Are you a US citizen? | _____ |

Dependents

| | | | | | |
|------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|
| Name | _____ | SSN | _____ | DOB | _____ |
| Name | _____ | SSN | _____ | DOB | _____ |
| Name | _____ | SSN | _____ | DOB | _____ |

List the names of any of the above dependents who do not live with you: _____

List the names of any of the above dependents who are NOT residents of the U.S.: _____

Business Sole Proprietor / Schedule C, LLC / Rental LLC

Entity Name _____

TIN _____ LLC Tax # _____

QB Info _____ Webfile # _____

NOTES: _____

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Susan Curran Financial, LLC is pleased to provide you with the professional services described below. This letter confirms the terms of our engagement and the nature and extent of the services we will provide.

We will prepare your federal tax Form 1040 and, if applicable, state income, or franchise tax returns using information and representations you provide to us. We will not audit or otherwise verify the data you submit, although we may ask you to clarify some information.

We provide a tax organizer and checklist to help you gather the information required for a complete and accurate return including all worldwide income. You agree that you will deliver all records requested by our staff to complete this engagement on a timely basis. We will rely on your source documents in determining the tax, character, and treatment of a given transaction. You confirm that personal expenses are segregated from business expenses and expenses such as meals, travel, vehicle use, gifts, charitable contributions, and other deductions are supported by necessary records required by the IRS.

You are responsible for the returns, so you should review them carefully before you sign them. Your original records will be returned to you at the end of this engagement. You should keep your originals in secure storage to prove accuracy and completeness of the returns to taxing authorities, if necessary.

We adhere to the strictest standards of professionalism and confidentiality in the work we do for you. The tax process is complex. The results we achieve for you cannot be pre-determined or inordinately influenced and a favorable experience cannot be guaranteed. You agree not to denigrate the company by posting, publishing or otherwise releasing any material in verbal, written or electronic format that disparages Susan Curran Financial LLC, its operations, clients, employees, products, or services. For more information, please see our Non-Disparagement policy: www.susancurranfinancial.com/non-disparagement-notice.

Our engagement does not include any procedures to discover fraud, theft, defalcation or other irregularities. The only accounting or analysis work we will do is that which is necessary for preparation of your income tax returns. Returns are prepared solely for filing with the Internal Revenue Service and state and local tax authorities. They are not intended to benefit or influence any third party, to obtain credit or any other purpose. You agree to indemnify and hold our firm and any of its officers or employees harmless with respect to any and all claims arising from the use of the returns other than filing with the IRS, state and local tax authorities. Susan Curran Financial, LLC's errors and omissions liability will not exceed fees you have paid, regardless of the amount of damages.

We will use our judgment to resolve questions in your favor where tax law is unclear, or where there may be conflicts between the taxing authorities' interpretations of the law and other supportable positions. In order to avoid penalties, we apply the "more likely than not" reliance standard to resolve such issues. You agree to honor our decisions regarding the need to make protective disclosures in returns. We assume no liability for, and you hereby release us, from any such additional tax, interest, and penalties or other fees and assessments.

Penalties of as much as \$100,000 can be imposed on you for failing to disclose participation in "reportable transactions," that is, certain arrangements the IRS has identified as potentially abusive. We will insist that all such transactions be properly disclosed. The law also imposes penalties when taxpayers understate their tax liability. If you have concerns

about such penalties, please call us. You, as the taxpayer, remain responsible for the payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest charges imposed by the taxing authorities. You agree that we will not be responsible for your failure to meet government and other filing deadlines, for any penalties or interest that may be assessed against you resulting from your failure to meet the deadlines, and for any other damages (including, but not limited to consequential, indirect, lost profits, or punitive damages) incurred by you as a result of the late filing or non-filing of the tax returns.

Our fee for the services outlined above is based upon the complexity of the work performed, our professional time to complete the work, and on the availability, quality, and completeness of your records. We reserve the right to charge additional fees, if records are not submitted in a timely manner, or are incomplete or unusable. A deposit may be required once the engagement has been accepted. Using the tax organizer provided will help you avoid overlooking important information and contribute to efficient preparation of your return, keeping the cost of our services as low as possible. Payment is due upon completion of your tax return. If special arrangements have been made to extend the payment due date you will be assessed interest charges of 1.75% per month on the unpaid balance.

We reserve the right to withdraw from this engagement without completing the returns if you fail to comply with the terms of this engagement letter or as we determine professional standards require. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Curran".

Susan Curran, CPA, CFP

Name:

Standard Deduction

S/MFS=\$13,850 MFJ = \$27,700 HoH=\$20,800 For over 65: S/HoH add \$1,850. For over 65: MFS/MFJ add \$1,500.

Or if you would prefer to itemize, please supply information requested below.

Itemized Deductions (Optional)

| MEDICAL and DENTAL (paid out of pocket) | | INTEREST YOU PAID | |
|---|-------------|--|--------------|
| Health Insurance Premiums (NOT including SE Health Ins Prem--see below) | | Home Mtg Int. & Points on Form 1098 | attach 1098s |
| Long Term Care Premiums | | Home Mortgage Int. NOT on Form 1098 (give amount & fill in the payee info below): | \$ |
| Medical and Dental Expenses (RX, doctor, hospital, eye, etc.) | | Interest Paid to : | |
| Total Paid | | <i>Name:</i> | |
| Number of Medical Miles (optional) | | <i>SSN/EIN:</i> | |
| TAXES YOU PAID | | <i>Street:</i> | |
| Real Estate Taxes | attach rcpt | <i>City:</i> | |
| Sales Tax: Vehicle and/or Major Remodel | | <i>State, ZIP:</i> | |
| GIFTS TO CHARITY | | Points NOT on Form 1098 | |
| Total Gifts by Cash or Check | | Investment Interest Paid | |
| NonCash Donations < \$500 | | OTHER | |
| <i>If over \$500, IRS requires additional information. Please ask for additional worksheet.</i> | | Federal Disaster Loss (worksheet available) | |
| Number of Charitable Miles (optional) | | | |

Other Important Tax Deductions

Education Expenses, Child Care Expenses, SE Health Insurance, IRA/HSA Contributions, etc.

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|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| Education Expenses | attach info | SE Health Insurance Premiums (NOT included above in Medical/Dental Itemized Deductions) | \$ |
| Student Loan Interest | attach info | HSA Contributions | attach info |
| Child Care Expenses | attach info | Real Estate Closing Statements (Purchases and/or Sales) | attach info |
| Educator Expenses | \$ | Alimony Paid | attach info |
| Taxpayer IRA contribution (due 4/15) * | | Taxpayer ROTH IRA contrib. (due 4/15)* | |
| Date funded | | Date funded | |
| Spouse IRA contribution (due 4/15) * | | Spouse ROTH IRA contrib. (due 4/15)* | |
| Date funded | | Date funded | |
| Self-Employed Retirement Contribution * | | | |

*Would you like a retirement contribution calculation, if available? _____

Business Income for

1099 Payments: The IRS requires a business to issue a Form 1099-MISC to each person the business has paid at least \$600 for services, rents, or other income.

Did you make any payments that would require you to file Form(s) 1099?

If 'Yes,' did you or will you file all required Forms 1099?

You do not need to complete this column if you are providing us with financial statements or your QuickBooks accounting file.

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| INCOME | \$ |
| COST OF GOODS SOLD/ PURCHASES | \$ |
| EXPENSES | |
| Accounting | \$ |
| Advertising | |
| Bank charges | |
| Commissions paid out | |
| Contract labor costs | |
| Delivery & freight | |
| Dues & subscriptions | |
| Employee benefit programs | |
| Insurance (other than health) | |
| Interest on business loans | |
| Janitorial | |
| Legal & professional costs | |
| Meals & entertainment (in full) | |
| Miscellaneous expense | |
| Office expense | |
| Outside services costs | |
| Postage | |
| Printing | |
| Rent-office, warehouse, storage | |
| Rent-equipment | |
| Repairs & maintenance | |
| Security | |
| Supplies | |
| Taxes-payroll | |
| Taxes-sales tax included in income | |
| Taxes-other (property) | |
| Telephone | |
| Tools (<\$2500- each tool) | |
| Travel (business) | |
| Uniforms | |
| Utilities | |
| Wages paid out (send W-3 please) | |
| Other expenses: | |
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| Total expenses | |

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Equipment or Asset Purchases (>\$2500 per item)

Please provide new asset purchases below.
Description/ Date purchased/Cost

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Vehicle Use (if applicable)

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| Is this your only vehicle? | |
| Written evidence for business use? | |
| Year and model of vehicle | |
| Business miles | |
| Commuting miles | |
| Personal miles | |
| Total miles for the year = | |
| Auto loan interest | \$ |
| If not taking the mileage allowance and electing to deduct actual costs instead, please complete the following for your vehicle costs: | |
| Actual cost: | |
| Fuel costs | \$ |
| Maint & repair | |
| Insurance | |
| Other | |

Business Use of Home (if applicable)

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|---|----|
| Must be used EXCLUSIVELY and REGULARLY as your principal place of business. Other criteria may apply. | |
| Business use area in sq ft | |
| Total area of home in sq ft | |
| Insurance | \$ |
| Utilities | |
| Other expenses: | |
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