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Dear Client,

We are pleased to provide you with the professional services described below. Please read this letter and any other attachments incorporated herein (collectively, "Agreement"). This Agreement details the nature and limitations of the services we will provide the terms of our engagement and each party's responsibilities.

## ***Engagement Objective and Scope***

Our services are limited to the preparation of your joint (or individual, if applicable) federal income tax returns, and income tax returns for the state taxing authorities in which you deemed yourself a resident, for the year ended December 31, 2025.

The objective of our services is to assist you with the calculation of your tax due and provide you with forms and schedules we believe are suitable for you to file with the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and applicable state and local tax authorities and sufficient to comply with your tax filing obligations. You have the final responsibility for the filing and content of your tax return(s). We will not assist you with any tax returns other than those identified above, without your written request, and our written agreement to do so.

Our engagement does not include any procedures designed to detect errors, fraud, theft, or other wrongdoing. Therefore, our engagement cannot be relied upon to disclose such matters. In addition, we are not responsible for identifying or communicating deficiencies in your internal controls. You are responsible for developing and implementing internal controls applicable to your operations.

Requests for additional services may necessitate that we amend the Agreement or issue a separate written agreement to reflect the obligations of all parties. In the absence of any other written communications from us documenting additional services, our services will be limited to and governed by the terms of this Agreement.

## ***CPA Firm Responsibilities***

It is our duty to prepare your returns based on the same standard of care that a reasonable tax return preparer would exercise in this type of engagement. Unless otherwise noted, the applicable standard of care for a "reasonable tax return preparer" shall be based upon the following pronouncements:

- the Statements on Standards for Tax Services ("SSTS") issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA");
- U.S. Treasury Department Circular 230 ("Circular 230"); and
- the Internal Revenue Code, Treasury Regulations, and any applicable state/local corollaries (collectively, "the Code").

As tax return preparers, these pronouncements restrict our ability to sign a tax return when the tax positions you report do not comply with tax law. We will be unable to sign your return and may terminate this Agreement if you:

- request that we report a tax position on your return which we feel is contrary to published guidance, frivolous, or a willful attempt to evade tax;
- request that we include a deduction, credit or refund on your return that we believe you do not qualify for; or
- decline to disclose a position where in our professional judgment tax law requires disclosure.

Absent any direction from you, we will prepare your tax returns based upon your filing status (single, married filing jointly, married filing separately, head of household or qualifying widow[er] with dependent child) as reflected in your income tax returns for last year. Your filing status may be affected by any addition or subtraction to the members of your immediate household, a change in your marital status, or a change to the support you provide to individuals not in your immediate household. If you do not alert us, we will infer that you do not wish to change your filing status absent other information you provide to us. ***If your filing status has changed, you wish to change your filing status, or you have questions about your filing status, please contact us immediately.***

Once our services have concluded, we shall have no obligation to notify you of future tax law developments affecting your return(s) except as may be required by Circular 230 or the SSTS related to errors we identify. We will not update your return after the conclusion of the engagement for any reason unless further engaged.

Rebecca Tucker, CPA, will not make any management decisions or perform management functions on your behalf.

## Arguable Positions

If there are conflicting interpretations of tax law, or if tax law is unclear, we will explain the possible positions that may be taken for us to sign your return. We will follow the position you request, provided it is consistent with our understanding of tax reference materials and our professional standards. Tax reference materials include but are not limited to, the Code (“IRC”), Revenue Rulings, Revenue Procedures, court cases, and similar state and local guidance. If the IRS, state, or local tax authorities later contest the position you select, additional tax, penalties, and interest may be assessed. You will be responsible for these amounts, as well as any related professional fees, you may incur to respond to the tax authority.

We shall not be liable for any tax, penalties, interest, related professional fees, or other expenses you may incur to respond to the tax authority

## Confidentiality for Filers of Joint Tax Returns

If the tax returns prepared in connection with this engagement are filed using the married filing jointly filing status, both spouses are deemed to be clients of the firm under the terms of this Agreement. Both spouses acknowledge that any tax return information, including supporting documents provided to us, used in the preparation of your joint return, and any communications made to us by either of you in connection with the preparation of your joint return, may ultimately be shared with either spouse, without prior consent of the other.

## Prior Year Review

Our review of the prior year’s tax return will necessarily be limited and may not find all errors. We will, however, bring to your attention any errors that we do find. Similarly, if you become aware of any information impacting prior year’s tax returns, please contact us. If an error or information impacting prior year tax returns is discovered by you or us, we will discuss resolution options with you. If you ask us to prepare amended tax returns, and we agree, we will confirm this engagement in a separate written agreement.

## Tax Planning Services

Our engagement does not include tax advice which would impact future tax years. However, we may communicate potential tax strategies to you, and you may ask high-level questions of us. It is your responsibility to communicate to us, in writing, any interest in pursuing an identified tax strategy, or if you require more than a cursory response to your question. If you do not request our assistance in writing, we will infer that you do not wish to pursue any suggestion made to you. If you do request our assistance and we agree, we will confirm our understanding with you in a separate agreement prior to proceeding.

We shall not be liable for any forgone tax or other benefits if you fail to advise us of your desire to investigate or pursue any tax strategy communicated to or by us. Any tax advice described in this paragraph and provided to you shall be governed by this Agreement and billed at our standard hourly rates.

## Government Inquiries

This engagement does not include responding to inquiries by any governmental agency or tax authority. If you are contacted by a tax authority, either for an examination or other inquiry, you may request our assistance in responding.

## Third-Party Requests

Our services are not intended to benefit or influence any third party, including any entity or investment which may seek to evaluate your creditworthiness or financial strength. We will not respond to any request from banks, mortgage brokers or others for verification of any information reported on these tax returns. Except where compelled by court order or subpoena, we do not communicate with third parties or provide them with copies of tax returns.

## Reliance on Others

If you wish to take a tax position based upon the advice of another advisor, before we are able to sign your tax return, we must comply with the applicable provisions of the Code and the SSTS.

We will review the other advisor’s work and may require a written statement from the advisor describing the statutory basis for the position and the suggested disclosure standard to appropriately report the position. If we believe additional research is required, we will discuss the matter with you. You agree to pay for the additional charges necessary to complete the disclosure or research as this is not included in the scope of our service.

Moreover, you understand that the IRS, state or local tax authority may disagree with the position taken on the return. If this occurs, you will be responsible for any additional tax, penalties and interest, as well as any related professional fees, you may incur.

If, after review of the work prepared by your other advisor, we determine that we are unable to sign the tax return, we will be unable to proceed and may terminate this agreement.

### **Abusive Tax Strategies**

Certain tax positions or strategies, while not currently identified as “abusive” by the IRS, may ultimately be determined to be so in the future. Consequently, you agree to advise us of any transaction you have entered into that entitles you to disproportionate tax benefits (deductions, credits, or refunds), that generates significant income deferral or non-recognition, or that generates significant tax losses without corresponding cash impacts (“abusive tax strategy”). If you fail to timely notify us, in writing, of any abusive tax strategy you have entered into, we shall not be liable for any tax, penalties, interest, related professional fees, or other expenses you may incur if the anticipated benefits of the strategy are not realized.

### ***Client Responsibilities***

If you fail to comply with the responsibilities as described in this Agreement, your actions or your inactions may result in economic or other loss to you, such as disallowance of tax deductions or credits claimed, additional tax, penalties or interest assessed against you, loss of administrative rights, or criminal punishment. You will be responsible for any loss suffered by you as a result of your failure to comply with your responsibilities, including any professional fees required to defend or correct changes made to your tax returns or prepare previously unfiled or amend previously filed tax returns.

The Modernizing Payments To and From America’s Bank Account Executive Order, signed on March 25, 2025, mandated that all payments from the U.S. government after September 30, 2025, must be made electronically. All payments to the U.S. government, including quarterly estimated tax payments, should be made electronically as soon as practicable. Assisting you with electronic payments is not part of the scope of our services. You are responsible for transmitting all payments electronically.

The responsibilities detailed in this section are not exhaustive, and our services to you may require additional responsibilities not listed.

### **Tax Information**

We will rely upon the completeness and accuracy of the information and representations you provide to us. We will not audit or otherwise verify the data you submit to us, although we may ask you to clarify certain information.

We may deem it necessary to provide you with limited accounting or bookkeeping assistance solely for the purpose of helping you organize your information. This assistance is intended to be nominal and is not a separate accounting or bookkeeping service. In the event we conclude that bookkeeping or accounting assistance is necessary to prepare your tax returns, we will advise you in writing before proceeding. Any assistance will be billed at our standard hourly rates and will be subject to the terms of this Agreement.

### **Information Security**

Our firm maintains a Written Information Security Program (“WISP”) designed to protect the confidentiality and security of client information in accordance with applicable law. By executing this engagement letter, you acknowledge that your information will be protected in accordance with our WISP, as updated from time to time.

### **Administrative Adjustments and Compliance with BBA**

If you are or were a partner at any time in a partnership and receive(d) Schedule K-1 (1065), you may receive a Form 8986, *Partner’s Share of Adjustments to Partnership-Related Items*. Form 8986 is used by partnerships to correct errors on previously filed partnership returns and to provide the IRS and partners with each partner’s share of those tax corrections. Recipients of Form 8986 must report this information and any additional tax due to the IRS on Form 8978, *Partner’s Additional Year Reporting Tax*, within a specified timeframe.

Our services do not include assisting you with anything pertaining to Form 8986 and/or Form 8978 unless specifically identified in the *Engagement Objective and Scope* section. If you receive a Form 8986 once our work has begun but prior to the filing of your tax return, you are responsible for alerting us and requesting assistance. Additionally, the impact an adjustment from Form 8986 may have on any state return you have previously filed is unclear and may only be determined with additional research. If you do not alert us or request our assistance, we will infer that you have not received Form 8986 absent other information you provide to us.

### **All Income**

You are responsible for identifying and communicating to us all income earned and received by you from any U.S. or non-U.S. source. This includes income earned from gambling and online wagers, gig or hobby work, and activity for which you should receive a Form 1099-K (online sales) whether or not you actually receive a 1099-K.

## Documentation

You are responsible for maintaining adequate documentation to substantiate the accuracy and completeness of your tax returns. Our workpapers do not satisfy your documentation responsibilities. 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. The IRS recommends that you maintain this documentation for as long as it may be relevant to your taxes. You represent that you have such documentation and can produce it, if necessary, to respond to any examination or inquiry by tax authorities. You will be responsible for any liability including but not limited to, additional tax, penalties, interest and related professional fees resulting from the disallowance of tax deductions due to inadequate documentation.

## Gifts Received from Foreign Persons

The preparation of IRS Form 3520 or Form 3520-A is not within the scope of this engagement. If you transferred property to or received property from a foreign person or trust, or are a U.S. person who "owns" assets in a foreign trust, you may be required to file a separate IRS Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust with a U.S. Owner. You are responsible for providing us with details of any cash, property, or value exchanged with foreign persons or trusts, or of ownership of foreign assets, including access to foreign bank or investment accounts.

## State and Local Filing Obligations

You are responsible for fulfilling your filing obligations with any state or local tax authorities, including, but not limited to income, franchise, sales, use, and property taxes or abandoned and unclaimed property. The preparation of any state or local tax return not listed above is not within the scope of this engagement. However, upon review of the information you have provided to us, including information that comes to our attention, we believe that you may have additional filing obligations, we will notify you. If you are unsure if you have any other filing obligation with other state or local tax authorities, you are responsible for alerting us and requesting assistance. If you do not alert us or request assistance, we will infer that you do not have other state or local filing obligations. You will be responsible for tax due and penalties associated with the failure to file or untimely filing of any form for which we were not engaged to prepare.

## U.S. Filing Obligations Related to Foreign Financial Assets

U.S. citizens and residents generally must report income and activities related to both domestic and foreign assets (worldwide income). You are responsible for fulfilling your filing obligations related to foreign activity where required. U.S. reporting requirements related to foreign activity are very complex. **Contact us immediately** if you have:

- Ownership of, investment in, or officer responsibilities for a corporation, partnership, or other business entity formed under the laws of another country;
- Fiduciary, grantor, or beneficiary relationships in connection with an entity formed under the laws of another country;
- Ownership of, signature authority over, or control over any financial account held in a financial institution located in another country;
- Citizenship or government-approved employment/visa status with a country other than the U.S. (including anyone in your immediate household, or your parents who live outside the U.S.);
- Transferred property, including cash, offshore either directly or through the purchase of or investment in an entity formed under the laws of another country;
- Received or have legally-recognizable rights to receive property, including cash, from a trust, business, or investment formed under the laws of another country or individual residing in another country;
- Conducted business with any entity or person physically located in another country, regardless of whether such business is for-profit, not for-profit, or informal/irregular;
- Received property, including cash, or income from a source outside of the U.S. which is not reported on a brokerage statement (such as a 1099-B or similar report); or
- Any other activity or economic arrangement which takes place outside of the U.S.

Failure to timely file the required forms may result in substantial civil and/or criminal penalties. You agree to provide us with complete and accurate information regarding any foreign activity in which you have a direct or indirect interest, or over which you have signature authority, during the above referenced tax year.

If you are unsure if you have any other filing obligation related to foreign activity, you are responsible for alerting us and requesting assistance. If you do not alert us or request assistance, we will not infer that you do not have foreign

activity absent information you provide to us. In any event, you will be responsible for tax due, penalties and interest associated with the failure to file or untimely filing of any form which we were not engaged to prepare.

#### Foreign Filing Obligations

You are responsible for complying with the tax filing requirements of any non-U.S. country. You acknowledge and agree that we have no responsibility to raise these issues with you and that foreign filing obligations are not within the scope of this engagement.

#### Digital Assets

There are specific tax implications of investing in digital assets (e.g., virtual currencies such as Bitcoin, non-fungible tokens, virtual real estate and similar assets). The IRS considers these to be property for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As such, any transactions in, or transactions that use, digital assets are subject to the same general tax principles that apply to other property transactions.

If you transacted in digital assets during the tax year, you may have tax consequences and/or additional reporting obligations associated with such transactions. Depending on the nature or volume of these transactions, a change to the scope of our services may be required. You are responsible for providing us with complete and accurate information, including basis, regarding any transactions in, or transactions that have used, digital assets during the applicable tax year.

#### Ultimate Responsibility

You are ultimately responsible for complying with any substantive or procedural tax law which applies to you, and for ensuring your tax returns and any required tax payments are timely received by the appropriate tax authority. Notwithstanding any term of this Agreement, this responsibility cannot be delegated to us.

Our assistance related to your tax return is based upon tax reference materials, facts, assumptions, and representations that are subject to change. We will not update your return after the conclusion of the engagement for any reason. To the extent we provide written advice concerning federal tax matters, we will follow the applicable guidance contained in our professional standards.

You have final responsibility for the accuracy of your tax returns. We will provide you with a copy of your draft tax returns and accompanying schedules and statements for review. You agree to review and examine them carefully for accuracy and completeness. Tax authorities impose various penalties and interest charges for non-compliance with tax laws and regulations, including failure to file or late filing of returns, and underpayment of taxes. You will be responsible for the payment of any additional tax, penalties, and interest charges imposed by tax authorities.

You have final responsibility for the payment of your taxes in whatever amount ultimately determined. You may choose to have funds automatically withdrawn from a designated account and transmitted when your tax return is electronically filed. We will not transmit partial payments. It is your responsibility to provide us with correct account and routing numbers, to review this information for accuracy prior to submission of your return, and to ensure that sufficient funds are available at the time of payment. We shall have no liability for any tax due, penalties, interest, or overdraft charges which may result from your failure to ensure sufficient funds are available at the time of payment.

#### ***Timing of the Engagement***

We expect to begin our services upon receipt of this executed Agreement and all of your tax information for 2025, including documents requested by our office.

Our services under this Agreement will conclude:

- on the later of:
  - the latest date of electronic acceptance of your 2025 tax returns by the relevant tax authority;
  - the date we deliver the paper copy of your returns to you; or
- upon written notification by either party that the Agreement is terminated; or
- one (1) year from the execution date of this Agreement, whichever comes first.

#### ***Extensions of Time to File Tax Returns***

The original filing due date for federal tax returns is April 15, 2026. ***Due to the high volume of tax returns prepared by our firm, the information needed to complete the tax returns along with responses to any inquiries must be received no later than February 24, 2026. To file by the extended filing date, October 15, 2026, all tax information must be provided by September 2, 2026. (These are estimated dates only.) Failure to submit complete and requested information by these due dates may result in your inability to file your returns or pay your tax by the due dates listed.***

It may become necessary to apply for an extension of the filing deadline if there are unresolved tax issues or delays in processing, or if we do not receive all of the necessary information from you on a timely basis. Applying for an extension of time to file may limit your ability to make certain elections, extend the time available for a government agency to undertake an examination of your return and/or extend the statute of limitations to file a legal action. If we apply for an extension of time to file because you have not provided us all of the information needed to prepare the tax returns by the due dates listed, you agree to hold our firm harmless from any consequences, including waived elections. All taxes owed are due by the original filing due date. Additionally, extensions may affect your liability for penalties and interest or compliance with governmental or other deadlines. Finally, failure to timely request an extension of time to file can result in penalties for failure to file tax returns, which accrue from the original due date of the returns and can be substantial.

#### E-Filing

In addition to being a return preparer, we are an Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and may prepare your return(s) and/or extension(s) in a format that permits us, if you choose, to electronically transmit ("e-file") those forms to the appropriate tax authority on your behalf. The e-filing of any form is a separate service from the preparation of that form. If you request that we e-file any form on your behalf, including requests for extensions of time to file, and we agree, the IRS and most states require you to sign and return to us the appropriate governmental form(s) before most of your returns can be filed electronically. For joint returns, both spouses must sign the e-file authorization before the actual return can be transmitted. **If you fail to timely sign and return e-file authorization, we cannot and will not e-file any form on your behalf.** In those situations, we shall not be liable for any tax, penalties, interest, related professional fees, or other expenses you may incur.

If the return(s) or extension(s) is/(are) not required to be e-filed and you elect not to do so, or cannot be e-filed, we will deliver to you a paper copy suitable for mailing to the taxing authorities. Once delivered to you, you bear full responsibility for reviewing the paper returns for accuracy, and either signing and timely filing them, along with any payments due, or notifying us of any issue which may need to be addressed prior to filing.

#### ***Professional Fees***

Our professional fee is based upon the complexity of the expected work to be performed, our professional time and out-of-pocket expenses. Circumstances may arise that impact our estimated fee such as, but not limited to, (1) the timeliness, accuracy, or completeness of information you provide to us; (2) changes in your personnel, use of other advisors, or operations that impact our services; (3) mutually agreed changes in the scope of this engagement; or (4) other unanticipated items that arise during our engagement and that require additional time in order to complete the agreed-upon services. You agree to pay all fees and expenses incurred whether or not we complete the engagement.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you. This Agreement, including the *Terms and Conditions Addendum*, represents the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all previous oral, written, or other understandings and agreements between the parties. Any modification to the terms of this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by both parties. Please date and execute this Agreement and return it to us to acknowledge your acceptance. We will not initiate services until we receive the executed Agreement.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Tucker, CPA

ACCEPTED:

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Taxpayer

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Spouse

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Printed Name

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Printed Name

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Date