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This letter responds to a letter dated November 16, 2005, submitted on behalf of \underline{X} , requesting relief under § 1362(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The information submitted states that \underline{X} was incorporated on <u>Date 1</u>. <u>A</u>, an officer of <u>X</u>, represents that <u>X</u> intended to be an S corporation effective <u>Date 1</u>. However, no Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation, was timely filed for <u>X</u>.

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 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.

Section 1362(b)(5) provides that if -- (A) an election under § 1362(a) is made for any taxable year after the date prescribed by § 1362(b) for making such election for such taxable year or no such election is made for any taxable year, and (B) the PLR-163935-05

Secretary determines that there was reasonable cause for the failure to timely make such election, the Secretary may treat such an election as timely made for such taxable year.

Based solely on the facts and representations submitted, we conclude that \underline{X} has established reasonable cause for failing to make a timely election to be an S corporation effective <u>Date 1</u>. Accordingly, provided that \underline{X} makes an election to be an S corporation by filing a completed Form 2553 effective <u>Date 1</u>, along with a copy of this letter, with the appropriate service center within 60 days from the date of this letter, then such election will be treated as timely made for <u>Date 1</u>.

Except as specifically set forth above, no opinion is expressed concerning the federal tax consequences of the facts described above under any other provision of the Code, including whether \underline{X} was or is a small business corporation under § 1361(b).

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

Pursuant to a power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to \underline{X} 's authorized representative.

Sincerely yours,

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