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This Tax Organizer is designed to help you gather the tax information needed to prepare your 2023 personal income tax return. To help you complete the Organizer with minimal time and effort, when available, you will find certain information from your 2022 personal income tax return.

This letter confirms the terms of our engagement with you and the nature and extent of the services we will provide.

What you need to do - ACTION REQUIRED

1. Verify your banking information, or update it as necessary. If you received this via email, there was a separate attachment (labeled "action required") related to your bank account information. Please sign/date this document and return it with your tax information.

If you received this document as a hard copy, please locate the bank information section on the page labeled "direct deposit / electronic funds withdrawal information." On that page there is a block you can check signifying that you have verified the information.

- 2. Read the important information on the pages that follow.
- 3. Sign and date below.
- 4. Return to us 1) this signature page, 2) the completed questionnaire that follows, 3) your tax reporting forms (see details on pages that follow), and 4) OPTIONALLY, the remainder of the organizer pages (if you chose to complete them).

Required signatures:

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and accept your obligations and responsibilities, and that you understand our responsibilities in preparing your tax returns, as referenced in the following four pages. For a joint return, both taxpayers must sign.

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YOU MAY RETURN THE ORGANIZER AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT TAX DOCUMENTS EITHER BY

- 1. MAILING (TO 300 WEST MILLBROOK ROAD, RALEIGH, NC 27609),
- 2. EMAILING (A SINGLE EMAIL CONTAINING ALL PDF ATTACHMENTS WORKS BEST. YOU MAY REQUEST A SECURE SHAREFILE LINK FROM OUR OFFICE),
- 3. DROPPING THEM OFF AT THE OFFICE, OR SLIDING THEM THROUGH THE SLOT IN THE FRONT DOOR IF AFTER HOURS.

IMPORTANT!

IF WE DO NOT HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF YOUR TAX DOCUMENTS BY MARCH 8th WE WILL LIKELY HAVE TO FILE FOR AN EXTENSION.

Enter 2023 information on the Tax Organizer pages provided. If any information does not apply to you or is incorrect, please draw a line through it or make the necessary corrections.

DRIVER'S LICENSE

In an effort to help protect your identity and fight tax fraud, the IRS and many state tax offices recommend that tax filers provide their driver's license information. Providing this information is currently not required to file federal and North Carolina taxes. However, in some states, omitting this information may delay the processing of your return. If you have previously sent us a copy of your driver's license there is no need to send it in again, unless you've had it renewed.

1099 Questions on Business Returns (including Schedules C, E, F)

The IRS includes two questions concerning Form 1099 on all business returns, including Form 1040, Schedules C, E, and F businesses. The questions are: 1) Did you make any payments in 2023 that would require you to file Form(s) 1099, and 2) If yes, did you or will you file all required Forms 1099?

We <u>must</u> answer those questions when preparing your 2023 Form 1040 if it includes a Schedule C, E, or F. Therefore, if you have a trade or business that reports on one or more of these schedules, please review the requirements for filing Forms 1099 (below) and provide us with the answers to those two questions.

Generally, any trade or business that makes payments in the course of that trade or business of interest, rents, compensations, renumeration for services, annuities, etc. aggregating \$600 or more

for the year to a single payee is required to report the payments to the IRS and to the recipient of the payments by filing Form 1099. However, this requirement does not apply to payments made to corporations. Additionally, payments made to attorneys or health care providers are subject to 1099 reporting regardless of amount paid or whether they practice in corporate form.

What to Attach

We must have copies or originals of all reporting tax forms sent to you - for example, W2s, 1099s, 1098s, 1098-T, brokerage statements, HUD settlement statement, etc. A personalized list of all such income items that you had on your 2022 tax return is included in the organizer. Below is a standard list of the most common documents we will need:

- Forms W-2 for wages, salaries, and tips.
- All Forms 1099 for interest, dividends, retirement, miscellaneous income, Social Security, state or local refunds, gambling winnings, etc. (1099-DIV, 1099-B, 1099-SSA).
- Brokerage statements showing investment transactions for stocks, bonds, etc., all pages.
- Schedule K-1 from partnerships, S corporations, estates and trusts.
- Statements supporting deductions for mortgage interest, taxes, and charitable contributions (including any Form 1098 or 1098-C).
- Form 1095 series related to health insurance.
- Legal papers for adoption, divorce, or separation involving custody of your dependent children.
- Any tax notices sent to you by the IRS or other taxing authority.
- A copy of your income tax return from last year, if not prepared by this office.
- Settlement (HUD) statements from real estate transactions, including refinancings.
- Six digit Identity Protection PIN for use on 2023 returns if sent to you by IRS.

Policies

Our file retention policy, as well as our privacy policy and other pertinent information, is posted on our website at www.haacpa.com http://www.haacpa.com.

The minimum charge for our tax preparation is \$650 and may be more depending on the return's complexity or time required to complete. Follow-up work, including responding to correspondence from tax authorities will be billed at our hourly fees in effect at that time. Fees are due upon the receipt of our invoice and late payments will be subject to finance charges of 1.5% per month.

Acknowledgements

By hiring us, you agree that any dispute (other than our efforts to collect an outstanding invoice) that may arise regarding the meaning, performance or enforcement of this engagement or any prior engagement that we have performed for you, will, prior to resorting to litigation, be submitted to mediation, and that the parties will engage in the mediation process in good faith once a written request to mediate has been given by any party to the engagement. Any mediation initiated because of this engagement shall be administered within the county of Wake, North Carolina, and any ensuing litigation shall be conducted within said county, according to North Carolina law. The results of any such mediation shall be binding only upon the agreement of each party to be bound. The costs of any mediation proceeding shall be shared equally by the participating parties.

Furthermore, by listing deductions for travel, entertainment, business gifts, listed property (e.g., vehicle, personal use computers, cell phone), or charitable contributions, you acknowledge that you have the documentation required by the IRS for those special deductions. The documentation requirements are listed below.

Travel, Meals, Gifts, and Listed Property

The law disallows an otherwise allowable deduction for any expense for traveling (including meals and lodging), gifts or listed property unless the expense is substantiated by adequate records or by sufficient evidence corroborating your own statements. In addition, the regulations generally require you to maintain documentary evidence (such as receipts, paid bills, etc.) for 1) any lodging expenditure, and 2) any other expenditure of \$75 or more. For business travel, the documentation should include the amount, date, place, and business purpose of the travel. For business meals, the documentation should include the amount, date, place, and business purpose of the meal as well as the business relationship of the person or persons present. For business gifts, the documentation should include the amount, date, description of gift, business purpose of gift, and business relationship of the recipient of the gift. For listed property, the documentation should include the amount (e.g. cost), business or investment use based on mileage, etc., date of the expenditure, and business or investment purpose of the property.

Charitable Contributions

The law requires that you have a receipt, letter, or other written communication from the charity (showing the name of the charity, the date and the amount of the contribution) documenting all charitable contributions made by check and that you have a receipt or a bank record (e.g. cancelled check) documenting all contributions made by check or by other monetary means. For contributions of property, you generally need a receipt which contains the name of the charity, a

description of the property, and the date and location of the contribution.

For all individual contributions of \$250 or more, the law requires a receipt (written acknowledgement) from the charity to which you made the donation stating the date and amount of the contribution as well as a statement as to whether you received anything in return for your contribution. If you received goods or services in return for the contribution, the receipt should include a description and an estimate of the value of the goods or services received in return for the contribution. If the goods or services received consist solely of intangible religious benefits, the receipt should include a statement to that effect.

If you are claiming a deduction of more than \$500 for a vehicle, boat, or airplane you contributed to a charity, the law requires that you obtain a Form 1098-C from the charity to deduct your contribution.

Generally, a deduction is not allowed for a charitable contribution of clothing or household items unless the items are in good used condition or better. Household items generally include furniture, furnishings, electronics, appliances, linens, and other similar items. For donations of such items, you will need to provide the donation value.

Application of the ever-changing tax law is an uncertain and subjective area. In situations where the tax law is unclear, or where there may be conflicts between the taxing authorities' interpretations of the law and other supportable positions, we will use our judgment to resolve the ambiguity in your favor whenever possible. We will not use a position we believe is unsustainable. Because you are ultimately responsible for all the positions taken on your tax return, you will also be responsible for any penalties and interest assessed as a result on those positions.

IRS regulations require paid tax preparers who expect to prepare and file 11 or more federal individual, nonresident alien, or trust tax returns to file them electronically. To comply with this requirement your return will be electronically filed this year. The benefits of e-filing include a secure way to file tax returns and it provides proof of acceptance that the IRS has accepted your return for processing. Contact this office if you prefer your return be filed on paper.

In order to meet the filing deadline for your 2023 income tax return, your completed tax organizer needs to be received by our office no later than March 8, 2024. Any information received after that date may require an extension of time be filed for your return.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

Hollingsworth Avent Averre & Purvis, PA

Questions

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

		Yes	No
Pe	rsonal Information		
	Did your marital status change during the year?		
	If yes, explain:	_	_
	Did you live separately from your spouse during the last six months of the year?		
	Do you have a separate decree, instrument, or agreement and are not living in the	_	_
	same household by the end of the year?		
	Did your address change from last year? Can you be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer?	_	ä
	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?		
	Do you, your spouse (if applicable), and any dependents have a taxpayer		
	identification number (SSN, ITIN, or ATIN)?		
	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 for filing returns in 2023.		
	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 and other disaster situations.		
	noods, as well as whether and other disaster standardis.		
C	OVID-19 Information		
	Did you receive State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFR) under a program to		
	support those negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for helping you with		
	your mortgage insurance and/or home purchases, such as funds to pay some or all		
	of the down payment and closing costs associated with your purchase of a home?		
	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?		
De	pendent Information		
	Were there any changes in dependents from the prior year?		
	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 \$2,500?		
	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 for use during	_	_
	2023		
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1 t	rchases, Sales and Debt Information Did you start a new business or purchase rental property during the year?		
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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?		
Н	ealth 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?		
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Ite	emized 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.	0	0
	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?	ō	
	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?		
M	iscellaneous Information		
141	Did you make gifts of more than \$17,000 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?	ō	
	Did you receive a distribution from, or were you a grantor or transferor for a foreign trust?		0
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	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? Are you an owner or do you control 25% of a company's ownership interest for a company registered with a secretary of state or similar office before January 1, 2024? Do you plan to become an owner or control at least 25% of a company's ownership interests for a company registered with a secretary of state or similar office for the first time after January 1, 2024? 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.	

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Client Organizer Topical Index

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