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Taxpayer(s) Name

This letter is to confirm and specify the terms of our engagement with you and to clarify the nature and extent of the services we will provide. In order to ensure an understanding of our mutual responsibilities, we ask all clients for whom returns are prepared to confirm the following arrangements.

We will prepare your 2018 federal, state and local income tax returns from information which you will furnish to us. We will not audit or otherwise verify the data you submit, although it may be necessary to ask you for clarification of some of the information. We will furnish you with questionnaires and worksheets to guide you in gathering the necessary information. Your use of such forms will assist in keeping the fee to a minimum.

It is your responsibility to provide all the information required for the preparation of complete and accurate returns. You should retain all the documents, cancelled checks and other data that form the basis of income and deductions, especially items related to business travel and entertainment, business use of autos or other assets, barter activities, and the required documents to support all charitable contributions. Taxing authorities may examine the returns and penalties may be imposed on returns that are late, underpaid, or incorrect. You have the final responsibility for the income tax returns and, therefore, you should review them carefully before you sign them.

Our work in connection with the preparation of your income tax returns does not include any procedures designed to discover defalcations and/or irregularities, should any exist. We will render such accounting and bookkeeping assistance as determined to be necessary for preparation of the income tax returns.

The law provides various penalties that may be imposed when taxpayers understate their tax liability. If you would like information on the amount or the circumstances of these penalties, please contact us. We are not responsible for any tax, interest or penalties related to understatement of your tax liability, and we hold the taxpayer responsible for preparer penalties caused by taxpayer misrepresentations.

We will use our judgment to resolve questions in your favor where a tax law is unclear or if there is a reasonable justification for doing so. Should we encounter instances of unclear tax law, or of potential conflicts in interpretation of the law, we will outline the reasonable courses of action and the risks and consequences of each. We will ultimately adopt, on your behalf, the alternative you select. If the IRS, or other taxing authority, should later contest the position taken, there may be an assessment of additional tax plus interest and penalties. We assume no liability for any such assessments.

Your returns may be selected for review by the taxing authorities. Any proposed adjustments by the examining agent are subject to certain rights of appeal. In the event of such government tax examination, we will be available upon request to represent you and will render additional invoices for the time and expenses incurred.

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Our fee for these services will be based upon the amount of time required at standard billing rates plus out-of-pocket expenses. All invoices are due and payable upon presentation.

Our engagement to prepare your 2018 tax returns will conclude with the delivery of the completed returns to you (if paper filing) or your signing, and the subsequent submittal, of your tax return (if e-filing). If you have not selected to e-file your returns with our office, you will be solely responsible to file the returns with the appropriate taxing authorities.

We will return your original records to you at the end of this engagement. You should securely store these records, along with all supporting documents, cancelled checks, etc., as these items may later be needed to prove the accuracy and completeness of a return. We will retain copies of your records and our work papers for your engagement according to our record retention policy, which is available upon request and at our website at www.g2scpa.com.

If this firm does not receive from you the original of this letter, in fully executed form, but does receive from you a completed copy of a Client Organizer and/or supporting documentation requested herein, and/or a completed Client Questionnaire, then a copy of this letter will be included with your completed tax return and your signature on the returns for filing purposes will be deemed to evidence your acceptance of all the terms set forth above. Under IRS Circular 230, without your written or verbal consent, we are not able to prepare any 2018 tax returns for you, including, but not limited to, a request for extension.

If the foregoing fairly sets forth your understanding, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter in the space indicated and return it to our office. If there are other tax returns you expect us to prepare, please inform us by noting so at the end of the return copy of this letter.

We want to express our appreciation for this opportunity to work with you.

Very truly yours,

Garcia Garman & Shea, PC

(Both the Taxpayer and the Spouse SHOULD sign for the preparation of joint tax returns.)

Accepted By:

_____	_____	_____
Taxpayer Name	Taxpayer Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Spouse Name	Spouse Signature	Date

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Taxpayer(s) Name: _____

Client Questionnaire

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

	Yes	No
Personal Information		
Did your marital status change during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, explain: _____		
Did your address change from last year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can you be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banking Information		
Did you have any 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you changed accounts, please provide new bank name, routing # and account # on the Direct Deposit page or verify that the banking information is correct	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dependent Information		
Were there any changes in dependents from the prior year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 \$2,100?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have dependents who must file a tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you provide over half the support for any other person(s) other than your dependent children during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you pay for child care while you worked, looked for work, or while a full-time student?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you pay any expenses related to the adoption of a child during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchases, Sales and Debt Information		
Did you start a new business or purchase rental property during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you sell, exchange, or purchase any assets used in your trade or business?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you acquire a new or additional interest in a partnership or S corporation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you sell, exchange, or purchase any real estate during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you purchase or sell a principal residence during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you foreclose or abandon a principal residence or real property during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you acquire or dispose of any stock during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you take out a home equity loan this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you refinance a principal residence or second home this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you sell an existing business, rental, or other property this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you lend money with the understanding of repayment and this year it became totally uncollectable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you have any debts canceled or forgiven this year, such as a home mortgage or student loan(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you purchase a qualified plug-in electric drive vehicle or qualified fuel cell vehicle this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Income Information

	Yes	No
Did you have any foreign income or pay any foreign taxes during the year, directly or indirectly, such as from investment accounts, partnerships or a foreign employer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive any income from property sold prior to this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive any unemployment benefits during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive any disability income during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive tip income not reported to your employer this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did any of your life insurance policies mature, or did you surrender any policies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive any awards, prizes, hobby income, gambling or lottery winnings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you expect a large fluctuation in income, deductions, or withholding next year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you have any sales or other exchanges of virtual currencies, or used virtual currencies to pay for goods or services, or are you holding virtual currencies as an investment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Retirement Information

Are you an active participant in a pension or retirement plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive any Social Security benefits during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you make any withdrawals from an IRA, Roth, myRA, Keogh, SIMPLE, SEP, 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan? Circle if due to a Federally declared disaster.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive any payments from a pension, profit sharing or 401(k) plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you make any contributions to an IRA, Roth, myRA, Keogh, SIMPLE, SEP, 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Education Information

Did you, your spouse, or your dependents attend a post-secondary school during the year, or plan to attend one in the coming year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you have any educational expenses during the year on behalf of yourself, your spouse, or a dependent? If yes, attach any Form(s) 1098-T and receipts for qualified tuition and related expenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did anyone in your family receive a scholarship of any kind during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, were any of the scholarship funds used for expenses other than tuition, such as room and board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you make any withdrawals from an education savings or 529 Plan account?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, were any of these withdrawals rolled over into a ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you make any contributions to an education savings or 529 Plan account?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you pay any student loan interest this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you cash any Series EE or I U.S. Savings bonds issued after 1989?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like a worksheet to aid in the completion of a FAFSA Form?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Health 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. If yes, attach any Form(s) 1095-B and/or 1095-C you received.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did anyone in your family qualify for an exemption from the health care coverage mandate? Examples of exemptions include (but are not limited to) certain non-citizens, members of a health care sharing ministry, members of Federally-recognized Indian tribes, and exemptions requested from the Marketplace. If yes, attach the Exemption Certificate Number (ECN) or type of exemption.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you enroll for lower cost Marketplace Coverage through healthcare.gov under the Affordable Care Act (ACA)? If yes, attach any Form(s) 1095-A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Health Care Information (continued)

Yes No

- Did you enroll for lower cost Marketplace Coverage through healthcare.gov under the ACA 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? If yes, attach any Form(s) 5498-QA you received.
- Did you receive any withdrawals from an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account? If yes, attach any Form(s) 1099-QA you received.
- If you are a business owner, did you pay health insurance premiums for your employees this year?
- Did you receive any Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) advance payments? If yes, attach any Form(s) 1099-H you received.

Itemized Deduction Information

- Did you incur a casualty or theft loss or any condemnation awards during the year?
- 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.
- Did you donate a vehicle or boat during the year? If yes, attach Form 1098-C or other written acknowledgement from the donee organization.
- 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? If yes, attach any Form(s) 1098 you received.
- Did you incur interest expenses associated with any investment accounts you held?
- Did you make any major purchases during the year (cars, boats, etc.)?
- What amount of taxable out-of-state purchases (by telephone, internet, mail, in person) did you make that the seller did not collect any state sales tax?** \$ _____

Miscellaneous Information

- Did you make gifts of more than \$15,000 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?
- Did you receive a distribution from, or were you a grantor or transferor for a foreign trust?
- 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?
- Did you receive correspondence from the State or the IRS? If yes, provide a copy.
- 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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Record Keeping for Business Expenses and Employee Expenses

For Meals and Entertainment Expenses, did you retain receipts documenting the cost, the purpose, who you provided it to, and the reason the expenses are directly related to or associated with the active conduct of a trade or business?

For Business Use of a Vehicle, do you have a mileage log or similar written document which meet the IRS record keeping requirements for travel during the tax year?

For Inventory, did you take a physical count of your inventory at year-end, and did you calculate the cost of your inventory using your actual price paid for items?

On-Line Resources

Did you visit our website, www.G2Scpa.com, to find additional resources?

Did you visit website, www.IRS.gov, to find answers to these or other questions?

Please use the space below or attach additional pages for any questions or comments you may have.

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