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Dear Client,

Friedman, Kannenberg & Company, P.C. is pleased to provide you with the professional services described below. This letter is to confirm our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement and the nature and limitations of the services we will provide. We will perform our services in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Tax Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

***Scope of Engagement***

We will prepare your federal and home state income tax returns for you for the 2009 tax year from information that you provide to us. We will also prepare any other state income tax returns that you identify and authorize us to prepare. We will not audit or otherwise verify the data you submit to us, although we may ask you to clarify some of the information. We will prepare the tax returns solely for filing with the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and state and local tax authorities. They are not intended to benefit or influence any third party, either to obtain credit or for any other purpose.

As a result, you agree to indemnify and hold our firm and any of its partners, principals, shareholders officers, directors, members employees, agents or assigns harmless with respect to any and all claims arising from the use of the tax returns for any purpose other than filing with the IRS and state and local tax authorities regardless of the nature of the claim, including the negligence of any party.

***Client Responsibilities***

We will provide you with an income tax organizer or tax information checklist to help you gather and document the information we will need to prepare your income tax returns. We ask that you complete the tax organizer/checklist and provide us with all supporting tax information (i.e. Forms W-2, 1099's, etc.), including all worldwide income.

You are responsible for determining your state or local tax filing obligations with any state or local tax authority, including, but not limited to, income, franchise, sales, use, or property taxes. You agree that we have no responsibility to research these obligations or to inform you of them. If upon reading the completed tax organizer, it comes to our attention that you may have an obligation to file additional income tax returns, we will notify you of this. If you ask us to prepare these returns, we will confirm this in a letter and detail the additional charges for this service.

You should retain all documents that provide evidence and support for your reported income, credits, and deductions on your returns as required by tax law. You are responsible for the adequacy of all

such documents. You may need to provide these documents to a taxing authority to substantiate the accuracy and completeness of the returns. We will return to you all original documents provided and used in the preparation of your income tax returns.

The original due date for filing your income tax returns is April 15, 2010. It may become necessary to apply for an extension of time to file your tax returns 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. If you are unable to complete and return the tax organizer or checklist with all of the required documentation by March 31, 2010 to allow for the timely preparation of your tax returns, you must contact us and request we apply for an extension of the filing deadline on your behalf.

Applying for an extension of time to file may extend the time available for a government agency to undertake an audit of your return or may extend the statute of limitations. All taxes owed are due by the original filing due date. Additionally, extensions may affect your liability for penalties and interest or compliance with government or other deadlines. We are available to discuss this matter with you at your request at our regular hourly fee should the need arise.

You have final responsibility for your income tax returns. Check them carefully for accuracy before signing and mailing. For electronic filing, you (and your spouse) must verify, sign and return to us a completed Form 8879, IRS e-file Signature Authorization, and if applicable, a state equivalent authorization form before we can file your returns electronically.

### ***CPA Firm Responsibilities***

All services performed in connection with the preparation of your income tax returns will be performed in our office located in Farmington, Connecticut.

We will prepare your returns based on 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. If your marital status has changed, or if you want to change your filing status, or you have questions about your filing status, please contact us immediately.

Business (Schedule C), Rental (Schedule E) and Unreimbursed Employee Business Expenses (Form 2106): Unless otherwise advised, you confirm that expenses such as meals, travel, entertainment, vehicle use, gifts, and related expenses for your business are supported by necessary records required by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). At your request we are available to answer your questions and advise you on the types of records required.

We will use our judgment to resolve questions in your favor where a tax law is unclear if there is reasonable justification for doing so. Whenever we are aware that a possible applicable tax law is unclear or that there are conflicting interpretations of the law by authorities (e.g., IRS and courts), we will explain the possible positions that may be taken on your return. We will follow the position you request, provided it is consistent with our understanding of the current tax code, regulations, and their interpretation. If the IRS or state tax authorities should later contest the position taken, there may be an assessment of additional tax, interest, and penalties. We assume no liability for and you hereby release us from any such additional tax, interest, and penalties or other fees and assessments.

We may deem it necessary to provide you with accounting and bookkeeping assistance solely for the purpose of preparing the income tax returns. We will request your approval before rendering these

additional services. Our engagement does not include any procedures designed to discover fraud, theft or other irregularities, should any exist.

Tax planning services are available and, if requested, will be billed to you at our standard hourly rates. During the course of preparing the tax returns identified above, we may bring to your attention certain available tax saving strategies for you to consider as possible means of reducing your income taxes in subsequent tax years. However, we have no responsibility to do so, and will take no action with respect to any such recommendations, as the responsibility for implementation remains with you, the taxpayer.

This engagement does not include responding to inquiries by any governmental agency or tax authority. If your tax return is selected for examination or audit, you may request that we assist you in responding to such inquiry. In that event, we would be pleased to discuss providing assistance to you under the terms of a separate engagement letter for that specific purpose. You agree that you will not and are not entitled to rely on any advice unless it is provided in writing.

### ***Fees and Billings***

Our fees are based on the time required by the individuals assigned to the engagement, plus direct expenses as incurred. Hourly rates range from \$125 to \$250 per hour depending on the individual(s) assigned to the engagement. *Payment is due upon receipt of our invoice.* This fee is based upon the complexity of the work to be performed and our professional time to complete the work. Additionally, this fee is dependent on the availability, quality, and completeness of your records. You agree that you will deliver all records requested by our staff to complete this engagement on a timely basis. In the event your records are not submitted in a timely manner or they are incomplete or unusable, we reserve the right to charge additional fees and expenses for services required to correct any problems or to expedite the preparation of your tax returns.

### ***Termination and Other Terms***

In accordance with the Federal Trade Commission rule, *Privacy of Consumer Financial Information*, we are required to inform you of our policy regarding privacy of client information. Please refer to our website [www.fkco.com](http://www.fkco.com) for complete details of our privacy policy. A copy of our privacy policy will be sent to you upon request.

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. In such case, Friedman, Kannenberg & Company, P.C. will not be responsible for any tax, interest or penalties that the taxing authorities may levy against you for failure to file or for failure to file your returns on a timely basis. If any portion of this agreement is deemed **invalid or unenforceable, said finding shall not operate to invalidate the remainder of the terms** set forth in this engagement letter.

Our records retention policy requires us to return all original records and documents that you have given us back to you at the conclusion of the engagement. Your records are the primary backup and support for your tax returns and should be kept for a minimum of three years. Our records and files are our property and are not a substitute for your own records. Our firm destroys our engagement files and workpapers after a period of 7 years. Catastrophic events or physical deterioration may result in our firm's records being unavailable before the expiration of the above retention period.

In the interest of facilitating our services to you, we may communicate by facsimile transmission or send electronic mail over the internet. Such communications may include information that is confidential to you and/or your company. Our firm employs measures in the use of facsimile machines and computer technology designed to maintain data security. While we will use reasonable efforts to keep such communications secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws and professional standards, you recognize and accept that we have no control over the unauthorized interception of these communications once they have been sent and consent to our use of these electronic devices during this engagement.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you. Please sign and date the enclosed copy of this engagement letter and return it to us in the envelope provided to acknowledge your agreement with its terms. It is our policy to initiate services after we receive the signed copy of this engagement letter from you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Friedman, Kannenberg & Company, P.C." in a cursive script.

Friedman, Kannenberg & Company, P.C.

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Taxpayer signature

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