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CENTER FOR FIRST PRINCIPLES INC  
5101 RIVER RD 614  
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*Acknowledgement of Your Request*

We received your Form 8734, Support Schedule for Your Advance Ruling, or other information regarding your public support status. When communicating with us, please refer to the employer identification number and document locator number shown above.

Your tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code remains in effect.

*What Happens Next?*

The information you submitted was entered into our computer system at our processing center in Covington, Kentucky, and has been sent to our Cincinnati office for initial review. We approve some cases based on this review. If this is the case, you will receive a letter stating that you are a publicly supported organization.

If the review indicates that additional information or changes are necessary, your case will be assigned to an Exempt Organization Specialist in Cincinnati who will call or write you. We assign cases in the order we receive them.

If the additional information indicates that you meet one of the public support tests, you will receive a letter stating that you are a publicly supported organization. If the public support tests are not met, we will send you a letter re-classifying you as a private foundation. That letter will tell you why we believe you do not meet the public support tests, and will include a complete explanation of your appeal rights.

*How long will this process take?*

Normally, you may expect to hear from us within 120 days. If you do not, you may call our toll free number between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Please have your identification numbers available so that we can identify your case. If you would rather write than call, please include a copy of this notice with your correspondence.

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**Date: February 11, 2002**

**Center For First Principles, Inc.  
% Patrick J. O'Brien  
7103 Pomander Lane  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-3231**

**Person to Contact:**  
Tracy Garrigus #31-07307  
Customer Service Representative  
**Toll Free Telephone Number:**  
8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST  
877-829-5500  
**Federal Identification Number:**  
52-2154862  
**Advance Ruling Period Begins:**  
December 1998  
**Advance Ruling Period Ends:**  
December 31, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your telephone inquiry of February 11, 2002, requesting a copy of your organization's determination letter. This letter will take the place of the copy you requested.

Our records indicate that by a determination letter issued on July 14, 1999, your organization was recognized as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Because your organization was newly created, we did not at that time make a final determination of its foundation classification under section 509(a) of the Code. However, based on information submitted with the application, we classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because it can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in section 509(a)(1).

According to this advance ruling, your organization will be treated as a publicly-supported organization and not as a private foundation until the end of the advance ruling period as shown above. Within 90 days from the end of the advance ruling period, your organization must submit to us information needed to determine whether it has met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. This information is currently supplied on the Form 8734, *Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period*.

Grantors and contributors may rely on the determination that your organization is not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of its advance ruling period. If the organization submits the required information within 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until the Service makes a final determination of your organization's foundation status.

The classification discussed in paragraph three (3) was based on the assumption that your organization's operations would continue as stated in its application. If your organization's sources of support, or its character, method of operations, or purposes have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your organization's exempt status and foundation status.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

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All exempt organizations (unless specifically excluded) are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid to each employee during a calendar year. Your organization is not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, these organizations are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes.

Donors may deduct contributions made to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to your organization or for its use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Your organization is not required to file federal income tax returns unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If your organization is subject to this tax, it must file an income tax return on the Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your organization's present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

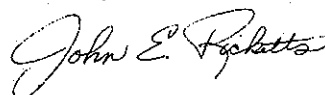
The law requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. You are also required to make available for public inspection a copy of your organization's exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it with the organization's permanent records.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

This letter affirms your organization's exempt status.

Sincerely,



John E. Ricketts, Director, TE/GE  
Customer Account Services

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JUL 15 1999

THE CENTER FOR FIRST PRINCIPLES INC  
C/O PATRICK J OBRIEN  
7103 POMANDER LN  
CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

Employer Identification Number:  
52-2154862

DLN:  
17053113011029

Contact Person:

MR CARL MEDLEY

ID# 52406

Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31

Foundation Status Classification:  
509(a)(1)

Advance Ruling Period Begins:  
December 17, 1998

Advance Ruling Period Ends:  
December 31, 2001

Addendum Applies:  
No

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Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until we make a final determination of your foundation status.

If we publish a notice in the Internal Revenue Bulletin stating that we

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will no longer treat you as a publicly supported organization, grantors and contributors may not rely on this determination after the date we publish the notice. In addition, if you lose your status as a publicly supported organization, and a grantor or contributor was responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, that resulted in your loss of such status, that person may not rely on this determination from the date of the act or failure to act. Also, if a grantor or contributor learned that we had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a publicly supported organization, then that person may not rely on this determination as of the date he or she acquired such knowledge.

If you change your sources of support, your purposes, character, or method of operation, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. If you amend your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, let us know all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for social security taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act on amounts of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the private foundation excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to you only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, gives guidelines regarding when taxpayers may deduct payments for admission to, or other participation in, fundraising activities for charity.

You are not required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, if your gross receipts each year are normally \$25,000 or less. If you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return. Because you will be treated as a public charity for return filing purposes during your entire advance ruling period, you should file Form 990 for each year in your advance ruling period that you exceed the \$25,000 filing threshold even if your sources of support do not satisfy the public support test specified in the heading of this letter.

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If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$20 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$10,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. For organizations with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 in any year, the penalty is \$100 per day per return, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. The maximum penalty for an organization with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 shall not exceed \$50,000. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete. So, please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

The law requires you to make your annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. You are also required to make available for public inspection a copy of your exemption application, any supporting documents and this exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are made widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, we will assign a number to you and advise you of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If we said in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help us resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

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If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

*Sam Mace*

(A) District Director

Enclosure(s):  
Form 872-C