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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **MAR 28 2008**

LOWCOUNTRY AUTISM FOUNDATION INC
C/O TAMI L LAWRENCE
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HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC 29926

Employer Identification Number:
26-0805420
DLN:
17053362306027
Contact Person:
PETER A ORLETT ID# 31436
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
August 17, 2007
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Advance Ruling Ending Date:
December 31, 2011
Addendum Applies:
NO

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)

LOWCOUNTRY AUTISM FOUNDATION INC

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Choi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being more prominent than the last name "Choi".

Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Publication 4221-PC
Statute Extension

Form 1023 (Rev. 6-2004) **Public Charity Status (Continued)** Page 1 of 1

- a 509(c)(4)—an organization organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.
- f 509(b)(1) and 170(b)(1)(F)(v)—an organization operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.
- g 509(b)(1) and 170(b)(1)(F)(iv)—an organization that receives a substantial part of its financial support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.
- h 509(b)(2)—an organization that normally receives not more than one-third of its financial support from gross investment income and receives more than one-third of its financial support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions).
- i A publicly supported organization, but unsure if it is described in 5g or 5h. The organization would like the IRS to decide the correct status.

If you checked box g, h, or i in question 5 above, you must request either an advance or a definitive ruling by selecting one of the boxes below. Refer to the instructions to determine which type of ruling you are eligible to receive.

Request for Advance Ruling: By checking this box and signing the consent, pursuant to section 6801(c)(4) of the Code you request an advance ruling and agree to extend the statute of limitations on the assessment of excise tax under section 4945 of the Code. The tax will apply only if you do not establish public support status at the end of the 5-year advance ruling period. The assessment period will be extended for the 5 advance ruling years to 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the last year. You have the right to refuse or limit the extension to a mutually agreed-upon period of time or amount. Publication 1035, *Extending the Tax Assessment Period*, provides a more detailed explanation of your rights and the consequences of the choices you make. You may obtain Publication 1035 free of charge from the IRS web site at www.irs.gov or by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3676. Signing this consent will not deprive you of any appeal rights to which you would otherwise be entitled. If you decide not to extend the statute of limitations, you are not eligible for an advance ruling.

Consent Filing Period of Limitations Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 4945 of the Internal Revenue Code

For Organization

William H. Schmidt II
Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official

William H. Schmidt II
Title or print name of signant
President
Title or print title or authority of signant

CONSENT
(Date)

For IRS Use Only

Robert C. ...

MAR 29 2008
Date

- b **Request for Definitive Ruling:** Check this box if you have completed one tax year of at least 6 full months and you are requesting a definitive ruling. To confirm your public support status, answer line 6(b) if you checked box g in line 5 above. Answer line 6(c) if you checked box h in line 5 above. If you checked box i in line 5 above, answer both lines 6(b) and (c).
- (a) Enter 2% of line 8, column (a) on Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses.
- (b) Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the 2% amount. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- (c) For each year amounts are included on lines 1, 2, and 3 of Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each disqualified person. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- (d) For each year amounts are included on line 5 of Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer, other than a disqualified person, whose payments were more than the larger of (1) 1% of line 10, Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses, or (2) \$5,000. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- 7 Did you receive any unusual grants during any of the years shown on Part IX-A, Statement of Revenues and Expenses? If "Yes," attach a list including the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, a brief description of the grant, and explain why it is unusual. Yes No

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Advance Ruling Period Ending Date:
December 31, 2011
LOWCOUNTRY AUTISM FOUNDATION INC
% TAMI L LAWRENCE
PO BOX 3
PORT ROYAL SC 29935-0003036For assistance, call:
1-877-829-5500

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Our records indicate that you were issued an advance ruling letter that treated you as a public charity, rather than a private foundation, during an advance ruling period that ends on the date indicated above. That letter required you to file IRS Form 8734 at the end of your advance ruling period to establish that you qualify as a public charity.

New IRS regulations changed the procedures governing your public charity status. You are no longer required to file Form 8734 at the end of the ruling period. The regulations also provide that donors can rely on your advance ruling letter with respect to your public charity status unless the IRS changes that status, based on the organization no longer meeting an applicable public support test, and publishes notice of the change.

If you have received Form 8734 from the IRS, please do not file it. Please keep your advance ruling letter along with this letter for your permanent records.

The regulations also changed the rules for computing public support, consistent with the redesigned Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. For more information regarding those rules and the redesigned Form 990, please see the IRS website at www.irs.gov/eo.