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Dear Clients & Friends,

Where did 2023 go? It feels as if it was gone in the blink of an eye! I hope the year has treated you well, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

There are numerous changes here in the office. Amanda will be handling all payroll through her own company, but she will still be here in the office. I have two new associates—Derreck and Jasmine—to help with any bookkeeping issues that may arise. The new face in the front office is Cindy. She has a background working in accounting firms and is a joy to work with.

Another change here in the office relates to my billing system. For 2023 income tax returns, billing will be on a per-form basis. This may either increase or decrease the amount you are currently paying for your individual and/or business income tax returns. No fee will increase by more than 20%.

Tax Law Changes

There haven't been many tax law changes for 2023. The mileage rate for 2023 has increased to 65.5 cents per mile. The tax deduction for meals will once again be 50% of the total amount spent (with no deduction for entertainment). Additionally, bonus depreciation is now 80% of qualifying assets instead of 100% as in the past.

For 2023, there are enhanced home and electric credits. Please provide me with a copy of your invoice if you installed a new furnace, air conditioner, boiler, heat pump, window(s), door(s), or solar panels, etc.

Similarly, if you purchased a new electric or hybrid car in 2023, I will need the details on the purchase.

In Preparation of Your 2023 Income Tax Returns

In preparation for submitting your information to us, I advise looking at the topics below and following the instructions provided if they apply to you.

Virtual Currency

The IRS continues to increase its focus on virtual currency (like Bitcoin, for example). Please bring it to my attention if you bought, sold, traded, or spent any virtual currency.

Foreign Bank Accounts

There are increased fines for not reporting that you have a foreign bank account (or signature authority over a foreign bank account). It doesn't have tax implications, but it is necessary to file the FBAR report. Please let me know if this applies to you.

IRA

The maximum IRA and Roth IRA contribution for 2023 will be \$6,500 plus \$1,000 if age 50 or over. Income limitations apply. This must be made by April 15, 2024 to be deducted in 2023.

Health Savings Account (HSA)

A health savings account (HSA) is a savings account set up exclusively for paying the qualified medical expenses of the account beneficiary or the beneficiary's spouse or dependents. The HSA reduces taxable income in the same manner as an IRA and, therefore, is another way to save on income taxes.

An HSA is a powerful tool in putting aside tax-deductible dollars to be used when health care costs arise. However, there are restrictions relating to health insurance plans, so, if interested, please check with your insurance agent regarding whether you qualify to use an HSA. If you make a contribution to an HSA, make sure you get me the information to ensure we take the deduction. Similar to IRAs, these contributions can be made up until April 15, 2023 and still be deductible on your 2023 income tax returns. Additionally, I'll need verification of the amounts spent out of your HSA account.

Health Insurance

The State of Idaho continues to allow a deduction for health insurance costs including health insurance, long-term care insurance, and cancer insurance. Please include your health insurance costs when you provide your tax information.

If you received a credit on your insurance through the insurance exchange, you will receive a form from them. **This is Form 1095-A, which I will need in order to prepare your returns.** If you have qualified for the exemption, please go to the exchange for the verification sheet.

Please remember:

- * Per IRS directive, we will be electronically filing all tax returns that are eligible. If you wish to paper file, there is an additional release form that you need to sign.
- * If you would like direct deposit for a refund, we will need a canceled check or a photocopy of a check for the account you wish to deposit into. Deposit slips are not acceptable.
- * Finally, for those of you who are typically last-minute filers, ALL of your tax information needs to be in my office **no later than Friday, March 15, 2024** in order for us to meet the April 15 filing deadline. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please contact our office, and we will be happy to file an extension on your behalf; however, *you* will still be responsible for making an estimated payment *on time*, if necessary. We will not be responsible for late penalties.

I will once again be scheduling in-person appointments. For anyone who would prefer a virtual appointment, I am set up to handle Zoom or FaceTime Meetings. At the time you schedule, please let us know how you would like to meet. Remember to call early to set up your appointment, as certain dates and times will fill up quicker than others. You can email, fax, or drop off your information. There is a secure drop box (mail slot to the left of the main doors) on the face of the building.

Copies of Tax Returns

In an effort to reduce paper usage (and save a few trees), returns will be emailed in a PDF format. Therefore, I will need a current email address. If you would prefer a paper copy of the return, please let me know and I'll be happy to provide you with a paper copy. We use a time-sensitive encryption program to ensure confidentiality.

Organizers

Blank organizers are available on my website: www.jamiedumancpa.com. If you would like to request a personalized tax organizer with last year's information filled in, please call 208-762-5728, email (frontdesk@jamiedumancpa.com), or simply return the request slip at the end of this letter.

As always, please let us know if you have questions.

Privacy Policy

The company privacy policy is available on my website. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am honored to have the opportunity to assist you with your tax and financial matters. I'm looking forward to an exciting tax season!

Best Wishes,



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Enrolled Agent

Tax Organizer Request Page

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