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KEEPER OF THE MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION C/O WILLIAM V DEPAULO 179 SUMMERS ST STE 234 CHARLESTON, WV 25301-2163 Employer Identification Number: 14-1912095 DI.N. 17053276749004 Contact Person: DEL TRIMBLE ID# 31309 Contact Telephone Number: (877) 829-5500 Accounting Period Ending: JUNE 30 Public Charity Status: 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) Form 990 Required: Effective Date of Exemption: JULY 19, 2004 Contribution Deductibility: Advance Ruling Ending Date: JUNE 30, 2009

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 Information for Exempt Organizations Under Section 501(c)(3) for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

KEEPER OF THE MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

Sincerely,

Lois G. Lerner

Director, Exempt Organizations Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Information for Organizations Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3) Form 872-C