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To: Gamache Tax Clients

With the new tax season upon us and the new federal tax regulations, we will need you to fill out the enclosed forms, signed and dated before your tax appointment.

**Along with providing us the following documentations:**

Bring all W-2 forms, 1099's and other income reporting statements, including all copies provided from the payer.

Bring Last years Taxes, Drivers License and Social Security Cards for everyone on your return.

Bring forms 1095-A or B (for health insurance from market place)

Bring details of all estimated tax payments, if any.

Bring income and deductions categorized on a separate sheet for business or rental activities.

E-Filing officially starts Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> .

Our hours for this year are: Monday 10 to 8, Tuesday 12 to 6, Wednesday 10 to 8, Thursday 9 to 6, Friday 10 to 5, Saturday 9 to 3.

**Please know the amount of stimulus money you received. This money is not taxable, but accountable.**

Cash/Check donations can be used even if you don't itemize.

We look forward to being your tax preparer. Set up your tax appointments early.

Sincerely,



Sharon Gamache

Enc: Individual Taxpayer Organizer, Due Diligence Checklist, General Engagement Letter

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## **General Engagement Letter for Individual Tax Return Preparation**

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This letter is to inform you, the taxpayer, of the services we will provide you, and the responsibilities you have for preparation of your tax return.

### ***Tax Return Preparation***

- We will prepare your 2020 federal and state tax returns based on information you provide. Services for preparation of your return do not include auditing or verification of information provided by you.
- This engagement does not include any audit or examination of your books or records. In the event your return is audited, you will be responsible for verifying the items reported.
- The tax return preparation fee does not include bookkeeping.
- Fees charged for tax return preparation do not include audit representation or preparing materials to respond to correspondence from taxing authorities.
- Preparation fees do cover limited assistance and consultation during the year.
- The engagement to prepare your 2020 tax returns terminates upon delivery of your completed returns and original documents to you. Please store your supporting documents and copies of your tax returns in a secure place for at least seven years. You may be assessed a fee if you request a copy in the future.

### ***Taxpayer Responsibilities***

- You agree to provide us all income and deductible expense information. If you receive additional information after we begin working on your return, you will contact us immediately to ensure your completed tax returns contain all relevant information.
- You affirm that all expenses or other deduction amounts are accurate and that you have all required supporting written records. In some cases, we will ask to review your documentation.
- You must be able to provide written records of all items included on your return if audited by either the IRS or state tax authority. We can provide guidance concerning what evidence is acceptable.
- You must review the return carefully before signing to make sure the information is correct.
- Fees must be paid before your tax return is delivered to you or filed for you. If you terminate this engagement before completion, you agree to pay a fee for work completed. A retainer is required for preparation of late returns.

**Signatures.** By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and accept your obligations and responsibilities and that you understand our responsibilities in preparing your tax returns as explained above. For a joint return, both taxpayers must sign.

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<i>Taxpayer</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Date</i>
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**Privacy Policy.** The nature of our work requires us to collect certain nonpublic personal information about you from various sources. We collect financial and personal information from applications, worksheets, reporting statements, and other forms, as well as interviews and conversations with our clients and affiliates. We may also review banking and credit card information about our clients in the performance of receipt of payment. Under our policy, all information we obtain about you will be provided by you or obtained with your permission.

Our firm has procedures and policies in place to protect your confidential information. We restrict access to your confidential information to those within our firm who need to know in order to provide you with services. We will not disclose your personal information to any third party without your express permission, except where required by law. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards in compliance with federal regulations that protect your personal information from unauthorized access. Please contact us with any questions regarding our privacy policy.

# Individual Taxpayer Organizer

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Taxpayer				SSN	
First	M.I.	Last	Email	IP PIN	
Occupation		Date of birth	Are you new to our firm? Yes No		
Address		City	State	Zip	
County		Home phone	Work or cell		
Driver's License	No.	State	Issue Date	Exp. Date	

Spouse				SSN	
First	M.I.	Last	Email	IP PIN	
Occupation		Date of birth	Are you new to our firm? Yes No		
Address <small>(If different from taxpayer)</small>		City	State	Zip	
County		Home phone	Work or cell		
Driver's License	No.	State	Issue Date	Exp. Date	

If you moved during 2019, enter your previous address.	Date of move
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Marital status at 12/31/19: Single Married Separated Widow(er) Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP) Unsure  
 Were you divorced or separated during the year? Yes No      Were there any deaths in the family? Yes No  
 Individuals who are in registered domestic partnerships (RDPs) and civil unions are not considered married for federal tax purposes.  
 Have you received any notice from the IRS or state revenue department within the past year? Yes No

Names of dependent children <i>Child's full name</i>	Social Security #	IP PIN	Date of birth	Months lived in home in 2019	Relationship to taxpayer	College student?

Did any of the children have income above \$1,100 for the year? Yes No      Do any of the children have a disability? Yes No  
 Is it anticipated that a different taxpayer will seek to claim a child listed above as their dependent for tax year 2019? Yes No

Other dependents or people who lived with you						
Name	Social Security #	IP PIN	Date of birth	Months lived in home in 2019	Relationship	Income

Bank information: Use for		Direct deposit of refund	Direct debit of balance due	Name of bank
Checking	Savings	Routing transit number		Account number

Ask your tax preparer for information about depositing a refund into an IRA account or splitting the deposit into more than one account.

# Questions—All Taxpayers

(Provide related statements or other documentation.)

"You" refers to both taxpayer and spouse—enter "?" if unsure about a question.

		Yes	No				
LIFESTYLE & TAXES				Are either you or your spouse legally blind?			
				Did you pay or receive alimony in 2019?	Recipient's SSN	Date of divorce or separation	
				Paid Received \$			
				Did you have health insurance for you, your spouse, and all dependents for the entire year?			
				Did you purchase health insurance through a public exchange?			
				Will there be any significant changes in income or deductions next year, such as retirement?			
				Have you paid alternative minimum tax (AMT) in previous years?			
				Did you pay anyone for domestic services in your home?			
				Did you purchase a new energy-efficient car, truck, or van?			
				Are you involved in bankruptcy, foreclosure, repossession, or had any debt (including credit cards) cancelled?			
				Are you a member of the military?			
				Were you a citizen of or lived in a foreign country?			
				Do you own or have financial interest in a foreign bank or financial account?			
			Would you like to allow your tax preparer or another person to discuss your return with the IRS?	PIN (any five digits)			
			Designee's name	Phone number			
CHILDREN & EDUCATION			Were any children born or adopted in 2019? (Provide statement for other expenses.)				
			Were any children attending college?	Year in college	Paid by you: Tuition \$	Student loan interest \$	Books \$
					Paid by student: Tuition \$	Student loan interest \$	Books \$
				Did you pay any tuition for a private school for a dependent or take classes yourself?			
				Student	Amount paid \$		
				Name and address of school			
				Did you pay for child or dependent care so you could work or go to school? (add statement if needed)			
				Name of provider	EIN or SSN		
				Address	Amount paid \$		
				Do you have any children who earned more than \$2,200 of investment income?			
INVESTMENTS			Did you make any contributions to a 529 plan in 2019?				
			Did you, or will you, contribute any money to an IRA for 2019?	Traditional IRA	Roth IRA		
			Did you roll over any amounts from a retirement account in 2019?				
			Did you sell or transfer any stock or sell rental or investment property?				
			Did you receive any income from an installment sale?				
			Did you have any investments become worthless or were you a victim of investment theft in 2019?				
			Were you granted, or did you exercise, any employee stock options during 2019?				
DEDUCTIONS			Did you receive, sell, send, exchange, or otherwise acquire any financial interest in any virtual currency?				
			Did you pay any interest on a loan for a boat or RV that has living quarters? If yes, provide details.				
			Did you pay sales taxes on a major purchase in 2019, such as a vehicle, boat, or home?				
BUSINESS			Did you make any charitable contributions in 2019?				
			Did you work from a home office or use your car for business?				
			Did you receive income from a sharing/gig economy activity (e.g. Airbnb, Uber, etc.)				
HOME			Do you own a business or an interest in a partnership, corporation, LLC, farming activities, or other venture?				
			Did you purchase or sell a main home during the year? If yes, provide closing statement.				
			If you sold a home, did you claim the First-Time Homebuyer Credit when it was purchased? If yes, provide details.				
			Did you refinance a mortgage or take a home equity loan? (Provide closing statement)				
			Did you use any mortgage loan proceeds for purposes other than to buy, build, or substantially improve your home?				
			Did you make any new energy-efficient improvements to your home? If yes, provide details.				

State information Full-year resident Part-year resident Nonresident

States of residence during 2019 and dates

School district

Do you rent or own your home? Rent Own

## 2020 Paid Preparer Due Diligence Checklist

- Earned Income Credit (EIC)
- American Opportunity Credit (AOC)
- Child Tax Credit (CTC)
- Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC)
- Credit for Other Dependents (ODC)
- Head of Household (HOH)

	<b>EIC</b>		<b>AOC</b>		<b>CTC/ACTC/ODC</b>		<b>HOH</b>	
Can you provide documentation, if required, to substantiate your eligibility for each credit and/or HOH filing status and the amount of each credit being claimed? (See below for examples of documentation.)	Yes n/a	No n/a	Yes n/a	No n/a	Yes n/a	No n/a	Yes n/a	No n/a
	<b>EIC</b>		<b>AOC</b>		<b>CTC/ACTC/ODC</b>		<b>HOH</b>	
Were any of these credits disallowed or reduced in a prior year?	Yes n/a	No n/a	Yes n/a	No n/a	Yes n/a	No n/a		n/a
	<b>EIC</b>		<b>AOC</b>		<b>CTC/ACTC/ODC</b>		<b>HOH</b>	
Is each qualifying person for whom you are claiming the Child Tax Credit, Additional Child Tax Credit, and Credit for Other Dependents a citizen, national, or resident of the United States?	n/a		n/a		Yes n/a	No n/a		n/a
Did all children for whom you are claiming the Child Tax Credit and/or Additional Child Tax Credit reside with you for more than half the year?	n/a		n/a		Yes n/a	No n/a		n/a
Is there an active Form 8332, <i>Release/Revocation of Claim to Exemption for Child by Custodial Parent</i> , or a similar statement in place?	n/a		n/a		Yes n/a	No n/a		n/a
Did you release the claim for exemption to another person?	n/a		n/a		Yes n/a	No n/a		n/a
	<b>EIC</b>		<b>AOC</b>		<b>CTC/ACTC/ODC</b>		<b>HOH</b>	
Have you provided documentation for the American Opportunity Credit, including Form 1098-T and/or receipts for qualified tuition and related expenses?	n/a		Yes n/a	No n/a	n/a			n/a
	<b>EIC</b>		<b>AOC</b>		<b>CTC/ACTC/ODC</b>		<b>HOH</b>	
Were you unmarried or considered unmarried on the last day of the tax year and provided more than half of the cost of keeping up a home for the year for a qualifying person?	n/a		n/a		n/a		Yes n/a	No n/a

### Documentation Examples (list not all-inclusive)

#### Residency of a Qualifying Child

- School records or statement.
- Landlord or a property management statement.
- Health care provider statement.
- Medical records.
- Child care provider records.
- Placement agency statement.
- Social service records or statement.
- Place of worship statement.
- Indian tribal official statement.

#### Disability of Qualifying Child

- Medical doctor's statement.
- Other health care provider's statement.
- Social services agency or program statement.

#### Schedule C

- Business license.
- Forms 1099.
- Records of gross receipts.
- Summary of income.
- Records of expenses.
- Summary of expenses.
- Bank statements to show income and expenses.

### Due Diligence: Additional Questions and Information (list not all-inclusive)

- Ask questions, contemporaneously document questions and client responses
- Must not know of any reason to know that the client's information is false.
- Do not ignore the implications of any information provided by the client and make additional inquiries.
- Complete and submit Form 8867 for each credit claimed.
- Compute the credits.

Taxpayer

Spouse (if filing jointly)

Date