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February 15, 2008

The Honorable Charles Grassley United States Senator 721 Federal Building 210 Walnut Street Des Moines, IA 50309

Attn: Janice Goode

Dear Senator Grassley:

This letter is a follow-up to a telephone conversation dated February 12, 2008, between Congressional Aide, Janice Goode, and Case Advocate, Sandi Murray, on behalf of your constituents, Martin Shady (deceased) and Kim Shady, concerning the release of a Federal Tax Lien. The Federal Tax Lien is filed only under Mr. Shady's name and social security number, and he is now deceased.

The Internal Revenue Service has not formally reviewed all of the documentation necessary to determine if the Notice of Federal Tax Lien does or does not attach to the property. The Taxpayer Advocate has been verbally advised that the property was titled joint tenancy with the right of survivorship. Based on that statement we can cite the general law as it applies to joint tenancy with right of survivorship.

The Internal Revenue Manual 5.17.3.8.1.1 states that in most cases, should the taxpayer-tenant predecease the surviving tenant, the tax lien is extinguished and does not attach to the estate in the survivor. This means that if the property was titled joint tenancy between husband and wife, and the spouse (taxpayer with the tax liability) died, the tax lien is extinguished and does not attach to the estate in the survivor in lowa. No actions are needed to make it the surviving (non-liable) spouse's property or to extinguish the federal tax lien. The residence would be a non-probate property that passes by operation of law. The residence would pass to the wife free of the federal tax lien.

So, a Certificate of Non-attachment, under Internal Revenue Code 6325(e), would not be needed nor would it be available under these circumstances, as there is no confusion or appearance that a notice of federal tax lien, filed under Internal Revenue Code Section 6323, attaches to the property. The Internal Revenue Service can refuse to issue a Certificate of Discharge of the federal tax lien under Revenue Code 6325(b)(2)(B) as no federal tax lien attaches to the property.

I hope this information is helpful in responding to Mrs. Shady. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Case Advocate, Sandi Murray of my staff at 515-564-6872. If you prefer, you can write to us at Internal Revenue Service, Stop 1005, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. I apologize for any inconvenience or misunderstandings this may have caused your constituent.

Sincerely,

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Acting, Local Taxpayer Advocate

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Dear Mr. McIntire:

Afton, Iowa 50830

Mr. Jerry McIntire

First National Bank in Creston

Vice President

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Thank you for providing the information to my Des Moines office regarding your efforts to assist Kim Shady in obtaining information regarding federal taxes and of the Federal Tax Lien, placed on her property in Macksburg.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the electronic e-mail from an IRS Revenue Officer to the Taxpayer Advocate Service, again stating no subordination or release is necessary since the property was jointly held and the assessment was only against the now deceased husband.

If you would like to pursue a release of the lien, enclosed is information from the Internal Revenue Service, How to Prepare an Application for a Certificate of Nonattachment of Federal Tax Lien. This request and accompanying attachments may be returned to my Des Moines office, to then be forwarded to the IRS

Also enclosed is the Certificate of Death for Martin Shady which was previously provided to my Des Moines office.

I hope that this information proves to be helpful to you. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley
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Mr. Jerry McIntire Vice President First National Bank in Creston 101 West Adams, PO Box 445 Creston, Iowa 50801

Dear Mr. McIntire:

I am writing to forward a copy of the letter I received from the Taxpayer Advocate Service. This is in further reference to the request for release of the Federal Tax Lien. It appears that upon further review, the IRS has determined that a Certificate of Non-attachment is not applicable and not available under these circumstances as no federal tax lien attaches to the property.

I hope that this information proves to be helpful to you. Do feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

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