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Tax periods: Dec. 31, 2016

Dear Taxpayer:

WHY WE ARE WRITING YOU

We received your identity theft claim. We know that identity theft can affect you in many ways. We are firmly committed to working with victims to resolve their tax related identity theft cases.

WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW

Identity theft issues are complex and require complete and thorough research to resolve. We verify your claim by comparing it to what has taken place on your account. In many cases, we make adjustments to correct your account to represent your true return. It could take up to 180 days for us to process identity theft cases. If you are entitled to a refund, we'll issue it after we finish processing your case.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW

If you've already filed your tax return for the tax periods above, ~~you don't need to do anything at this time. If you attempted to~~ electronically file and it was rejected because another return has already been filed, you must send a paper return by mail to the Internal Revenue Service Submission Processing Campus that services your state. For subsequent tax periods, you should continue to file all your federal tax returns as you normally would. If you owe a balance due, continue sending your payments. If you're not required to file a return, you don't need to take further action.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See Publication 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers, for more information. You can get this publication by visiting our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

The Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency, provides additional information about identity theft and essential

steps you can take to protect yourself on their website at www.identitytheft.gov.

The Social Security Administration also has information on identity theft. Visit www.ssa.gov and search "identity theft".

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT US

If you have questions, call us at .

If you prefer, you can write to us at the address at the top of the first page of this letter.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR HARDSHIP SITUATIONS

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS that can help protect your taxpayer rights. TAS can offer you help if your tax problem is causing a hardship, or you've tried but haven't been able to resolve your problem with the IRS. If you qualify for TAS assistance, which is always free, TAS will do everything possible to help you. Visit www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov or call 877-777-4778.

If you write or send us information, include a copy of this letter and provide in the spaces below, your telephone number and the hours we can reach you. Keep a copy of this letter for your record.

Telephone number () _____ Hours _____

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Operation 3 Manager