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Employer Identification Number:
01-0843838
DLN:
17053012027036
Contact Person:
VICTORIA LAHEY ID# 31304
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
June 30
Public Charity Status:
509(a)(3)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
June 14, 2005
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes

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. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

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

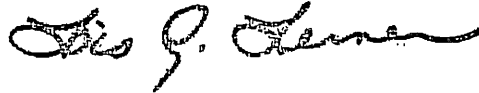
We have determined that you are a Type 1 supporting organization under section 509(a)(3). A Type 1 is operated, supervised, or controlled by, a Type 2 is supervised or controlled in connection with, and a Type 3 is operated in connection with one or more publicly supported organizations.

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

LIONS EYE INSTITUTE FOR TRANSPLANT

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lois G. Lerner".

Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Information for Organizations Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)