

January 15, 2026

Dear Friends,

Enclosed is the 2025 Individual Tax Organizer to help you gather your tax information, as well as determine if any new or existing tax laws require further research for your benefit. Please be thoughtful and thorough when completing the organizer as it is an important step on your part in helping us manage our time spent and remain accurate in order to minimize your taxes.

**Completion of the enclosed organizer is mandatory.** If you operate a business, farm or rental properties, you will also need to complete these tax organizers from our website. If we receive your tax documents without the required organizers completed in full, we reserve the right to not begin preparation of your return until an organizer is returned to us. Without your thoughtful assistance with the following questions, your tax return may contain errors when prepared and submitted, as well as taking us longer to prepare.

Due to extreme workload compression during the tax season, we ask that you **deliver all tax documents to our office no later than March 16, 2026.** Tax documents delivered to our office after this deadline will likely require an extension.

Once you've gathered your tax documents and completed the organizer, please deliver them to our office at your convenience. Drop-offs can be made 24/7 via our drop-off box or in person during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you need to meet and discuss any items about your tax return information, **an appointment must be scheduled.** Without an appointment, we will not be available to discuss your tax organizer questions. Drop-in meetings without an appointment are difficult for us to manage time for, even if for just a few minutes, so please plan accordingly to ensure we can meet your needs.

Finally, on the next page of this organizer is our Engagement Letter confirming the scope, terms, and details of work to be performed. **Like the organizer, the Engagement Letter must be signed and returned to us before we prepare your return(s).** We will not begin any work until all the information is made available to us, so please make your submission as complete as possible. We will call you if we have questions or when the return is ready for pick up and filing.

# Engagement Letter for Tax Return Preparation

Thank you for the privilege of allowing us to provide you with tax preparation services. This engagement letter expresses the terms and conditions under which we will provide you with tax services, and it outlines responsibilities for each of us.

## **Tax Preparation:**

- We will prepare your federal and state tax filings (tax return) with supporting schedules for the 2025 tax year based on information you provide us with.
- You will provide any requested records needed in order to complete the tax return preparation. Original records will be returned to you upon completion of the tax return.
- You will provide all information to us no less than 15 days prior to the expected delivery date of the tax return. We will extend the due date of your tax return if they are not done by the filing deadline. An extension does not extend the time to pay, only the time to file. If you owe, you will need to pay in with an extension. An extension is good for 6 months.
- We will not audit or otherwise verify your records to discover errors or omissions, should any exist. However, if we find irregularities or unusual items, we will bring them to your attention and/or ask for clarification.
- We will provide bookkeeping assistance necessary to complete the tax preparation. This will be billed as a separate but additional charge to the tax preparation fee.
- You attest that income and expense items you claim are substantiated by proper records and receipts, and can furnish such documentation in the event of an audit.
- You attest that the information you provide is accurate and complete to the best of your knowledge.
- You are ultimately responsible for the accuracy of the tax return and should review all documents carefully before signing.

## **Fees & Payment:**

- All preparation fees are invoiced per tax return per tax year.
- All bookkeeping or other services will be invoiced with this tax return.
- Our fees are based on the complexity of your tax return, time spent as well as out-of-pocket expenses.
- We reserve the right to ask for a retainer to be paid in advance of work done from new clients and any client with whom we have experienced late payment problems.
- If you terminate this engagement before completion, you agree to pay for time and expenses incurred prior to the date of termination, even if the tax return is not completed.
- In the event the client has any past due balances, we reserve the right to cease working on your tax return or providing any other services until the balance has been paid in full or other acceptable payment arrangements have been made.
- Past due balances of more than 30 days are subject to 12% annual interest.

## Engagement Letter for Tax Return Preparation (Continued)

### Important Notices:

- Where tax law is ambiguous or unclear, we will use our best judgement. Unless otherwise instructed by you, we will resolve such questions, when possible, in your favor.
- Penalties can be imposed when taxpayers understate their tax liability. If you would like information on these penalties, please contact us. Consider making estimated payments in year 2026 if this is a concern.
- If an extension of time is required, any estimated taxes owed must be paid when the extension is filed. Any amounts not paid by the filing deadline are subject to interest and late payment penalties. These are your responsibilities.
- The IRS does not permit us to discuss your tax return except if authorized by the client by checking a specific box on your tax return. Unless otherwise instructed by you, we will not check the box which authorizes the IRS to discuss your tax return with us.
- Your tax return may be selected for audit or for additional explanation requested by tax authorities. We are available to represent you or prepare materials in response to correspondence. However, these are additional expenses not included in our tax preparation fees and we will render additional invoices for the time and expenses incurred.
- One printed return copy will be provided to you for your files. Copies at any other time are \$25 minimum each. This fee applies to digital as well as paper copies for the time and effort involved in providing this service.
- If you require us to release a copy of your tax return(s) to a 3rd party (e.g. mortgage lender) we will require your permission in writing or via email. Postage and copy fees stated above will be invoiced for this effort (\$25 minimum).

Please sign this letter and return it to us with this completed organizer.

Very truly yours,

Dan Grieb & Kathy Alber

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Taxpayer & Spouse Name (please print):

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Taxpayer Signature:

Date:

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Spouse Signature:

Date:

## BASIC TAXPAYER INFORMATION

Name	Date of Birth	Occupation
Taxpayer: _____	_____	_____
Spouse: _____	_____	_____

### Address for filing purposes

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name, date of birth, and SS# of each dependent/child you will claim on your taxes.** Do not list children that you will no longer claim as dependents. Do not assume the same as last year. List only your actual tax dependents. **If divorced**, we only need to know WHICH children you are claiming.

1.	Name: _____	DOB: _____	SSN: _____
2.	Name: _____	DOB: _____	SSN: _____
3.	Name: _____	DOB: _____	SSN: _____
4.	Name: _____	DOB: _____	SSN: _____

**List below your preferred contact numbers and email address should we have any questions:** Cell      Home      Work      Number: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Circle one)**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

YES or NO	Are you (or spouse) legally blind or deaf?
YES or NO	Did we prepare your 2024 taxes? If not, please provide us a copy.
YES or NO	Bit Coin or virtual currency ownership/trading. Provide documentation of use or sales/1099(s). Answer NO if you are only holding or purchasing virtual currency but not trading them.
YES or NO	Do you (or spouse) own or have a financial interest or signature authority on any foreign account or accounts totaling more than \$10,000 at any point during the 2025 calendar year.

## INCOME ITEMS

For each income item, we **MUST** receive the related form or schedule that supports the income amount. The IRS matches all these forms to your return, so we want to ensure accuracy and avoid IRS notices.

Circle YES or NO below if you are including an income item so that we may cross reference to your submission:

- YES or NO      Wages and Compensation. Provide W-2's.
- YES or NO      Did you receive Tip Income? If so, how much tip income did you earn if it is not shown on your W2 statement from an employer?  
\$\_\_\_\_\_. If reported to your employer, you will find this amount on Line #7 of your W2. If you are self employed, you need to calculate this amount and provide it to us with your business income and expenses.
- Yes or NO      Did you receive overtime pay? If so, is it listed in Block 14 of your W2 or did your employer provide you with the amount? Please list:  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ Also, provide us any documentation for this amount if it is not reported on your W2.
- YES or NO      Interest and Dividend Income. Provide 1099(s).
- YES or NO      Alimony income. Provide amount(s) received. \$\_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year Divorce (or Modification) Executed: \_\_\_\_\_
- YES or NO      Sale of stocks, bonds, real estate or other assets. Provide 1099(s).
- YES or NO      IRA or Pension distributions or rollovers, such as 401(k)/403(b). Provide 1099(s). If you requested an EARLY distribution, please provide details in the Notes section on page 12.
- YES or NO      Partnership, S-Corporation or Trusts. Provide K-1(s) & Basis worksheets.
- YES or NO      Unemployment Compensation. Provide 1099(s).
- YES or NO      Social Security benefits. Provide 1099(s).
- YES or NO      Third-party payments via third-party settlement organizations, such as VENMO, PayPal, Cash App, etc. Provide Forms 1099-K.
- YES or NO      Gambling Income, Jury Duty, Refunds, etc. Provide documentation.

## INCOME ITEMS

- YES or NO      Any 1099(s) from operation of a small business.  
\*Provide financial statements & complete our Business Tax Organizer
- YES or NO      Small Business.  
\*Provide financial statements & complete our Business Tax Organizer.  
If you have a small business, you must prepare the business tax organizer. You can provide your books and records of the financial information you keep via QuickBooks, Excel or other accounting records. But you must also sign the preparation agreement and answer the questions. See organizer on our website.
- YES or NO      Rental Properties.  
\*Provide financial statements & complete our Rental Property Worksheet.  
If you have rental property, you must prepare the rental property worksheet. You may instead provide your books and records of the financial information you keep via QuickBooks, Excel or other accounting records. See organizer on our website.
- YES or NO      Farm Operation.  
\*Provide financial statements & complete our Farm Property Worksheet.  
If you have farm property, you must prepare the farm property worksheet. You may instead provide your books and records of the financial information you keep via QuickBooks, Excel or other accounting records. See organizer on our website.

## ADJUSTMENT and INCOME LOWERING ITEMS

YES or NO For licensed teachers (K-12), did you have out of pocket expenses up to the \$300 maximum per individual teacher?

YES or NO Did you pay home mortgage interest, make any charitable contributions or incur significant medical expenses?

**If YES**, complete the Itemized Deduction Worksheet from our website to help us determine if you can itemize.

YES or NO Did you buy or sell a primary or second home? If YES, please provide the settlement statement for all transactions.

YES or NO Health Savings Account contributions. Provide Form 5498-SA. We are looking for amounts you pay out of pocket, after tax. (Do NOT include amounts on your W-2, Block 12 Code W.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Contributed to HSA

YES or NO Health Savings Account distributions - Provide Form 1099-SA.

☐ Check if all HSA distributions were spent on unreimbursed qualified medical expenses. If not, please explain in Notes section on page 12.

YES or NO Self-Employed SEP/Other pension contributions. Provide the amounts you have paid. \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

YES or NO Self-Employed Health Insurance not reported elsewhere: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Do not include employer provided or other insurance already taken pre-tax. Ignore if we already have it when we prepared your W-2.)

YES or NO Alimony Paid. Provide the following:

Month/Year Divorce (or Modification) Executed: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

## ADJUSTMENT and INCOME LOWERING ITEMS

YES or NO Did you make a Traditional or Roth IRA contribution? **Do not include pension amounts already reported on your W-2 thru your employment.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**You must Circle One: TRADITIONAL IRA or ROTH IRA**

YES or NO Did you convert TO a Roth or FROM a Roth to another IRA? **Provide details.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

YES or NO Did you pay College Tuition expenses for you, your spouse or a dependent? If so, provide all 1098 Tuition statements as well as the following information for each student in college:

Books and required materials: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Housing and meals: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fees required as a condition of enrollment (not voluntary) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YES or NO Did you pay Student Loan Interest? If yes, provide interest statement.

YES or NO Did you purchase your health care through the Affordable Care Act Exchange? If yes, we need Form 1095-A Health Insurance Marketplace Statement to calculate any credit due you or any repayment you owe back to the Exchange. NO Exceptions – we need the form.

YES or NO Did you pay for child and/or dependent care? If so, please provide:

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Daycare Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN or Fed ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## ADJUSTMENT and INCOME LOWERING ITEMS

YES or NO Did you make any estimated tax payments using the 1040 vouchers provided by our office or any government agency? If so, list the following for each of the 4 payment periods for both federal and state.  
**Do not assume we have these amounts.**

### FEDERAL AMOUNTS:

04/15/25 Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_ 06/15/25 Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_

09/15/25 Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_ 01/15/26 Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_

### STATE AMOUNTS:

04/15/25 Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_ 06/15/25 Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_

09/15/25 Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_ 01/15/26 Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_

YES or NO Did you adopt a child during the year. If so, what were your total out of pocket expenses to complete the adoption?  
\$\_\_\_\_\_

YES or NO Did you pay interest on a personal use (not business) passenger vehicle that was made in USA and purchased in year 2025? If so, we need:

Interest Paid in year 2025 \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Info from your Lender)

The Vehicle VIN \_\_\_\_\_

## RETIREMENT AND FINANCIAL PLANNING/SAVING

YES or NO Are you interested in exploring the option of making a deductible IRA contribution (subject to IRS limitations) or investing in tax free or tax managed investments?

YES or NO Are you interested in discussing investment management with Kathy, Nick or Dan in order to plan for future retirement, meet a tax or financial goal, or to roll over old accounts into one place for ongoing advice and review?

## ADJUSTMENT and INCOME LOWERING ITEMS

### Energy and vehicle tax credits – Year 2026

YES or NO Did you purchase:

1. Heat Pumps & Biomass units\*\*\*
2. Electric or natural gas heat pumps\*\*\*
3. Heat pump for water heaters\*\*\*
4. Biomass stoves and boilers\*\*\*
5. Central air conditioner\*\*\*
6. Natural gas, propane or oil furnace/boiler\*\*\*
7. Natural gas, propane or oil water heater(s)\*\*\*
8. Windows or skylights\*\*\*
9. Exterior doors\*\*\*
10. Electrical paned upgrades for new items\*\*\*
11. Insulation and air sealing
12. Home energy audit
13. Solar electric panels
14. Solar water heaters
15. Wind turbines
16. Geothermal heat pump
17. Battery storage technology or Fuel cells

If so, please circle the item(s) you purchased. Starting in year 2025, you must provide a QUALIFIED MANUFACTURER (QM) Code or PIN on your tax return for many of these items to qualify (if you see an \*\*\* after an item, we need this info to qualify for any tax credit). Please contact the company you purchased these products from to obtain this information. This is your responsibility if you want to claim the credit.

You can also use the Department of Energy's Product Lookup Tool to verify eligible products. Go to **[energystar.gov/rebate-finder](https://energystar.gov/rebate-finder)**. Scroll to "Product Finder" to see if your purchase qualifies. Or call the company you purchased the item from.

YES or NO Did you purchase an electric car, plug-in hybrid or hydrogen powered vehicle in year before September 30, 2025? If so, please provide us with information you received from the dealership that substantiates this purchase as a qualified New Clean Vehicle.

## Nebraska Filers Property Tax Credit Notice:

We will complete Form PTC to calculate your community college credit, if any. On the address for this tax return, do you:

OWN THE HOME

OR

RENT THE HOME (circle one)

YES or NO      Please confirm you made the property tax payment(s) to the county treasurer.

YES or NO      Do you own other Nebraska real estate parcels and make the property tax payment(s) to the county treasurer? Provide address(es) or parcel ID(s):

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Only the person or entity that paid the property tax to the county treasurer may receive the credit. The DOR will check these amounts.

## Nebraska Filers Exemptions and Exclusions Notice:

YES or NO      Do you receive military retirement benefits?

YES or NO      Are you a retired law enforcement officer or firefighter and pay health Health insurance premiums with after tax dollars?

YES or NO      Do you receive Civil Service Retirement benefits from an annuity?

YES or NO      Did you make or lose money on the sale of gold or silver bullion?

YES or NO      Did you contribute to the Nebraska 529 Plan? If so, how much?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

With the NEST Direct College Savings Plan taxpayers can deduct up to \$10,000 in contributions from their Nebraska taxable income each year (\$5,000 if married filing separately).

YES or NO      Did you roll over 529 Funds from another state to Nebraska?

YES or NO      Have you applied for and been approved (via Form 3165) by the state as a family caregiver to qualify for the tax credit?

### **Nebraska Filers Itemized Deduction Notice:**

With the changes made in the US Tax Code the Nebraska Legislature passed LB1090 that requires Nebraska taxpayers to use the Standard Deduction if they also used it on the Federal return.

If you provide us with your itemized deductions and your totals are close to the federal standard deduction, we will test to see which method produces the least amount of tax liability to your personal return.

### **Iowa Filer Notice:**

Iowa continues to NOT conform to federal tax law changes. Therefore, we can still choose to itemize on the Iowa return even if we took the standard deduction on the federal return. Please print out and complete the Itemized Deductions worksheet.

### **Other States Notice:**

If you do not live in Nebraska, we will need to read about all of the specific changes made to your particular state. This takes time as every state conforms differently to any federal rule change. Because of this, non-Nebraska filers will incur a higher fee for the preparation of their tax return. Also, because of all the different state laws, we may not be able to prepare your taxes by the due dates if you deliver your records after March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## NOTES FOR 2025 INDIVIDUAL TAXES

Use this page to make notes or reference information you believe is important or necessary for us to consider when we prepare your taxes or for further explanation for any previous question in this organizer.

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## E-FILE NOTIFICATION

**IMPORTANT – IF THIS FORM IS NOT COMPLETED, REGARDLESS OF YOUR PRIOR YEAR FILINGS, WE WILL E-FILE YOUR RETURNS AND YOU WILL RECEIVE PAPER CHECKS FOR ANY REFUNDS DUE. We will not call you to verify how to send refunds. Complete this form to elect an option.**

E-filing is MANDATORY. Both the IRS and the state have made the e-file process mandatory. All returns from our office will now be e-filed. Please provide the following information:

If a checking account is to be used, either include a **VOIDED** check from your account or the following information:

Name of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: DO NOT USE DEPOSIT SLIP INFO. These are often incomplete. Use only the information on your checks.

While E-File is mandatory, you may still elect to receive a paper check from the federal or state agency instead of a direct deposit.

To receive a paper check refund instead of a direct deposit, please initial here: \_\_\_\_\_ . The IRS strongly discourages paper checks.

### **IMPORTANT:**

If you owe taxes, we will still e-file your return. We will then provide you with vouchers for paying your taxes via check no later than the due date. We will NOT initiate a tax payment on your behalf from your checking account for the payment of any tax at any time. However, you can create a profile at both the federal and state level to make any tax payments electronically if you prefer. The website for the federal and Nebraska sites are:

Federal – go to **irs.gov**

Nebraska – go to **revenue.nebraska.gov**