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August 12, 2016

Michelle M Jordan
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Dear Mrs. Jordan,

We received your correspondence dated July 27, 2016 regarding your tax exempt status. As a follow up of our telephone conversation on August 1, 2016, I informed you I had spoken with the Department of Revenue and they stated the home had to be owned by your spouse or jointly owned with yourself at the time of his death. Unfortunately, in this instance you did not purchase your home until after his passing. Please find below Section 12-37-220 that states the law from the Department of Revenue.

*(iii) "qualified surviving spouse" means the surviving spouse of an individual described in subsubitem (i) while remaining unmarried, who resides in the house, and who owns the house in fee or for life. Qualified surviving spouse also means the surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action, or the surviving spouse of a law enforcement officer or firefighter who died in the line of duty as a law enforcement officer or firefighter, as these terms are further defined in Section 23-23-10 and Chapter 80, Title 40 who at the time of death owned the house in fee or jointly with the now surviving spouse, if the surviving spouse remains unmarried, resides in the house, and has acquired ownership of the house in fee or for life;*

We are truly thankful for his services and the sacrifice from your family for this country.

Sincerely,
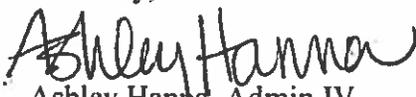
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