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We hope this letter finds you healthy and well as we near the end of 2023! If you weren't already aware, we have made some changes to our tax filing processes for the upcoming filing season. We are implementing a Reservation system for this coming tax season. Reservations are not required. However, if you do not make a reservation, your tax return will get added to the list of returns that will be prepared as time allows. **Without a reservation, there is a reasonable chance that your 2023 tax return will be extended.** For more information on this system and fillable copies of any of the forms included in this year's tax packet, please visit www.devries.cpa/tax.

This year, we are requiring that all clients complete a Client Information Sheet and sign our annual Engagement Letter prior to us preparing your tax return.

Tax forms should begin to arrive and we want to remind you which ones we need you to accumulate and send to us with your tax information. If you receive a **1099-K** this year (you may receive this year for things like EBay or Facebook Marketplace sales, and sometimes for simple cash transfers if those transfers are completed through an app such as Zelle, CashApp or Venmo), please make sure to provide it to us, and be prepared for a phone call and some questions from us so that we can report it properly to minimize income tax or determine that tax does not apply.

If you had your health insurance through the Marketplace (Affordable Care Act), please make sure that you provide **Form 1095-A**, which summarizes your premiums and premium credits. Without this form, you may experience issues and/or delays in the filing and acceptance of your tax return.

New credits for home improvements went into effect this year and can provide you with tremendous tax benefits. If you installed a new furnace, A/C, boiler, heat pump, water heater, woodstove, windows, doors, insulation, solar or battery storage please be sure to provide us with a copy of the invoice.

If you bought a new electric or plug-in hybrid car in 2023 please be sure to provide a copy of that purchase invoice as well.

The Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) continues to be a great way to minimize taxes if you are required to take a Minimum Distribution from an IRA.

The due date for filing all W-2's and 1099's with the IRS is January 31, 2024. Contract workers need to fill out a W-9 form and receive a 1099 if they are paid \$600.00 or more annually. Please call our office if you have any questions on this.

For 2024, IRA Contribution Limits increased to \$7,000 limit (plus a \$1,000 additional catchup over age 50). Employee 401(K) and 403(B) contributions increased to \$23,000 for 2024 (plus a \$7,500 additional catchup over age 50). **Our tax professionals can work with you and your financial planner or investment adviser to consult on tax planning and retirement/investment strategies.** Contact Ben DeVries if you would like to discuss this in more detail.

For 2024, the HSA maximum increases to \$4,150 for an individual and \$8,300 for a family. The \$1,000 catch-up amount for individuals over age 55 remains the same. HSA plans can be an excellent way to realize tax savings if you are eligible.

We want to remind you that the IRS will only correspond by mail and will never call or email you.

We look forward to working with you in the New Year!