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To whom it may concern:

Please see the attached FOIA Request and POA for Alligator Holdings, LLC. Please sign the last page of the FOIA letter and return to the fax number indicated in the letter.

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## VIA FASCIMILE

Internal Revenue Service Central Processing Unit Stop 93A Post Office Box 621506 Atlanta, GA 30362-3006 FAX: 877-891-6035

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Document Requests

Dear Sir/Madam:

This request <u>does not</u> include copies of the foregoing tax returns, nor does it include copies of correspondence generated by our office. Subject to the foregoing, the requested information includes, but is not limited to:

1. The Examination Division Administrative File (the "Administrative File") for the Examinations. The requested file includes any worksheets, work papers, notes, emails, documents, memoranda, letters, computations and other materials prepared or accumulated relative to the Audit by employees of the IRS and any other governmental agency. This request also includes internal documents, memoranda, memoranda of all interviews of persons regarding the charitable contributions by the Taxpayer, copies of all statements (sworn or otherwise) given by individuals in connection with the Audit, Case Activity record, written reports and recommendations concerning the proposed adjustment of partnership items and penalties, and any other information that is related to the determinations by the IRS as set forth in the Revenue Agent Audit Report.

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- 2. Any documents (electronic or otherwise) relative to the Examination that may have been prepared by specialist agents, engineers, or valuation specialists, and materials created as specialty case files, desk files, or as group files, which are not otherwise included in the Administrative File. This request includes any emails, work papers, notes, documents, memoranda, transmittal letters, reports, documents describing or recording interviews, or other materials prepared or accumulated relevant to the Examinations.
- 3. Any documents (electronic or otherwise) relative to the Examination that may have been prepared by persons not employed by the Internal Revenue Service, including consultants, appraisers, economists, engineers, and any other specialists retained for this case and which are not otherwise included in the Administrative File. This request includes any emails, work papers, notes documents, memoranda, transmittal letters, reports, documents describing or recording interviews, or other materials prepared or accumulated relevant to the Examination.
- 4. Any documents (electronic or otherwise) relative to the Examination that include information and documents obtained pursuant to summonses or third-party requests issued to third parties which are not otherwise included in the Administrative File.
- 5. Any communications concerning Alligator Holdings, LLC's Examination, Alligator Holdings, LLC's Administrative File, or Alligator Holdings, LLC between the Internal Revenue Service and federal legislative branch officials including the Senate Finance Committee, its staff, and its interns.
- 6. Any communications concerning Alligator Holdings, LLC's Examination, Alligator Holdings, LLC's Administrative File, or Alligator Holdings, LLC between the Internal Revenue Service and any state or federal agency or official therein.

In addition to the above records, please provide a list of all information relevant to this matter that is maintained electronically. This list should identify the information by subject matter and format (i.e., tape, disk, etc.).

Please undertake a search "reasonably calculated to uncover all relevant documents" requested. To the extent that you claim that any of the requested documents are not "agency records" please provide a statement justifying your position that the requested documents are not agency records. See Weisber v. DOJ, 705 F.2d 1344, 1351 (D.C. Cir. 1983); DOJ v. Tax Analysts, 492 U.S. 136, 142 n.3 (1989) (citing S. Rep. No. 813, 89th Cong., 2d Sess., 8 (1965) and H.R. Rep. No. 1497, 89th Cong. 2d Sess., 9 (1966).

Should you encounter issues locating a requested document, please do not hesitate to call my office to discuss the request and ways to clarify or revise the request. In the event that you encounter issues locating a requested document, I would like to request a conference call with whomever is

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directly handling this FOIA claim and myself, so that we can attempt to refine or alter the search parameters and/or criteria to assist you in the location of the requested documents. *See Hudgins v. IRS*, 620 F. Supp. 19, 21 (D.D.C. 1985); *aff'd*, 808 F.2d 137 (D.C. Cir. 1987).

To the extent you withhold any documents or materials on the grounds of a specific FOIA exemption or otherwise, please provide an index listing the documents withheld and the specific FOIA exemption pursuant to which the document is withheld. See Vaughn v. Rosen, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973). The IRS carries the burden to justify its withholding of any requested document. See id. Accordingly, please provide a detailed, nonconclusory statement to justify your claims, if any, that the requested documents are subject to FOIA exemptions.

The statement should correlate how the disclosure of the requested document would damage the interest protected by the claimed exclusion. The IRS is required to provide sufficient information so "that the requester and the trial judge [are] able to derive...a clear explanation of why each documents or portion of a document withheld is putatively exempt from disclosure." Hinton v. DOJ, 844 F.2d 126, 129 (3d Cir. 1988).

With respect to any document you claim is exempted from production under FOIA, consider your duty to make a partial disclosure. If the exempt portion can be reasonably segregated out of the document, then effecting a partial disclosure by redacting such exempt or excluded parts is required. See EPA v. Mink, 410 U.S. 73, 91 (1973). A portion can be reasonably segregated if after redaction of the exempt material, the requested document still conveys meaningful information that is not misleading. See I.R.M. 11.3.13.7.4 (8-14-13).

If you deny a request for any document (due to a claimed exemption), in whole, in part, or conditionally, please in addition to a detailed, nonconclusory statement justifying the denial, provide (1) the city or other location where the requested record(s) may be found, (2) the name, title, and position of the official responsible for the denial, and (3) advise where, when, and how to gain access to FOIA dispute resolution processes, and (4) where, when, and how to exercise FOIA appeal rights. See Treas. Reg. § 601.702(c)(9)(iv); FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-185, § 2.

If you deny a request for any document (due to a claimed exemption), in whole, in part, or conditionally, please also provide an accounting of the pages and document(s) withheld. Your response should detail: (1) the total number of pages responsive to the request, (2) the number of pages denied in full, (3) the number of pages denied in part, and (4) the number of pages granted in full. See I.R.M. 11.3.13.8(6) (4-19-17).

We are aware that the Internal Revenue Service has a destruction policy for documents of a certain age. Therefore, we request that appropriate measures be taken immediately to ensure that the requested documents are not destroyed before full compliance with this request.

The Internal Revenue Service is authorized to charge us for searching for the records, for reviewing the records, making any necessary deletions therefrom, and for making the requested copies, up to

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a maximum of \$500.00 without further authorization. If the total charges estimated exceed this amount, please provide us with an estimate of the charges and seek further authorization from us.

My name, address, and telephone number are as follows:

Sidney W. Jackson, IV Dentons Sirote PC. 2311 Highland Avenue South Birmingham, AL 35205 (205) 930-5208

An "other" requester is seeking this information for personal or non-commercial use.

In accordance with the provisions of IRC Sections 6103, 6302 and 7602(c), 5 U.S.C. Section 552, as amended, and 5 U.S.C. Section 552A, we anticipate receiving a reply within *twenty (20)* working days. Should you anticipate that this request will take more than ten days to process, please promptly provide my office with the applicable tracking number for this FOIA request. See OPEN Government Act, Pub. L. No. 110-175, § 7.

Please address the requested records to me at the address set forth above. If you have any questions concerning this request or require further identifying information, please contact me by telephone at the number set forth above.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this request by countersigning the enclosed copy of this letter and returning the same by facsimile to 205-212-2933. Please keep me advised as to the status of the above referenced request.

Very truly yours,

Sidney W. Jackson, IV FOR THE FIRM

RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED:

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Check if new: Address Telephone No. 2311 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35205 (Note: IRS sends notices and communications to only two representatives.) CAF No. Name and address PTIN .... Sidney W. Jackson, IV, Esq. Telephone No. (205) 930-5208 Sirote & Permutt, P.C. Fax No. (205) 313-0665 Check if new: Address Telephone No. 2311 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35205 Fax No. (Note: IRS sends notices and communications to only two representatives.) to represent the texpayer before the Internal Revenue Service and perform the following acts: Acts authorized (you are required to complete this line 3). With the exception of the acts described in line 56, I authorize my representative(s) to receive and inspect my confidential tax information and to perform acts that I can perform with respect to the tax matters described below. For example, my representative(s) shall have the authority to sign any agreements, consents, or similar documents (see instructions for line 5a for authorizing a representative to sign a return). Description of Matter (income, Employment, Payroll, Exolse, Estate, Gift, Whistleblower, Year(s) or Period(s) (if applicable) Tax Form Number Practitioner Discipline, PLR, FOIA, Civil Penalty, Sec. 5000A Shared Responsibility (1040, 941, 720, etc.) (if applicable) (see instructions) Payment, Sec. 4980H Shared Responsibility Payment, etc.) (see instructions) 2010-2020 1065 Partnership Income Tox 2010-2020 1065 & consequential adjustments TEFRA Partnership Proceeding FOIA Specific use not recorded on Centralized Authorization File (CAF). If the power of afterney is for a specific use not recorded on CAF, check this box. See the instructions for Line 4. Specific Use Not Recorded on CAF Additional acts authorized, in addition to the acts listed on line 3 above, I authorize my representative(s) to perform the following acts (see instructions for line 5a for more information): Access my IRS records via an intermediate Service Provider, Authorize disclosure to third parties; Substitute or add representative(s); Sign a return;

[7] Other acis authorized: The acts authorized by this power of attorney include representation for the purposes of Subchapter C

of Chapter 63 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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b	<ul> <li>Specific acts not authorized. My representative(s) is (are) not authorized to endorse or otherwise negotiate any check (including directing or accepting payment by any means, electronic or otherwise, into an account owned or controlled by the representative(s) or any firm or other entity with whom the representative(s) is (are) associated) issued by the government in respect of a federal tax liability.  List any other specific deletions to the acts otherwise authorized in this power of attorney (see instructions for line 5b):  Retention/revocation of prior power(s) of attorney. The filing of this power of attorney automatically revokes all seriler power(s) of attorney on file with the internal Revenue Service for the same matters and years or periods covered by this document. If you do not want to revoke a prior power of attorney, check here.</li> <li>YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF ANY POWER OF ATTORNEY YOU WANT TO REMAIN IN EFFECT.</li> </ul>					
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7	even if they are appointing the same representative(s representative, executor, receiver, administrator, or true on behalf of the taxpayer.  If NOT COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND DATED,	). If signed by a corporate on behalf of the taxp	was filed, each spouse must file a separate power of attorney ate officer, partner, guardian, tax matters partner, partnership payer, I certify that I have the legal authority to execute this form RN THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY TO THE TAXPAYER.  Matt Mills, Mgr of KCOS Manager 2017-2, LLC, Managing Mbr of American Diversified Development, LLC, TMP			
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• lam : • lam : • lam : • lam :	penalties of perjury, by my signature below I declare that not currently suspended or disberred from practice, or in subject to regulations contained in Circular 230 (31 CFR, 3 authorized to represent the texpayer identified in Part I fo one of the following: torney—a member in good standing of the bar of the high artified Public Accountant—a holder of an active license to	eligible for practice, befo Subtitle A, Part 10), as am r the matter(s) specified heat court of the jurisdict	ended, governing practice before the internal Revenue Service; there; and Ion shown below.			

c Enrolled Agent - enrolled as an agent by the internal Revenue Service per the requirements of Circular 230.

Note: For designations d-f, enter your title, position, or relationship to the taxpayer in the "Licensing jurisdiction" column.

- d Officer-s bona fide officer of the taxpayer organization.
- e Full-Time Employee -- a full-time employee of the taxpayer.
- f Family Member a member of the baxpayer's immediate family (spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, step-parent, step-child, brother, or sister).
- g Enrolled Actuary—enrolled as an actuary by the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries under 29 U.S.C. 1242 (the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by section 10.3(d) of Circular 230).
- h Unenrolled Return Preparer Authority to practice before the IRS is limited. An unenrolled return preparer may represent, provided the preparer (1) prepared and signed the return or claim for refund (or prepared if there is no signature space on the form); (2) was eligible to sign the return or claim for refund; (3) has a valid PTIN; and (4) possesses the required Annual Filing Season Program Record of Completion(s). See Special Rules and Requirements for Unenrolled Return Preparers in the Instructions for additional Information.
- k Qualifying Student—receives permission to represent taxpayers before the IRS by virtue of his/her status as a law, business, or accounting student working in an LITC or STCP. See instructions for Part II for additional information and requirements.
- r Emolied Retirement Plan Agent—enrolled as a retirement plan agent under the requirements of Circular 230 (the authority to practice before the internal Revenue Service is limited by section 10.3(e)).

#### ▶ IF THIS DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND DATED, THE IRS WILL RETURN THE POWER OF ATTORNEY. REPRESENTATIVES MUST SIGN IN THE ORDER LISTED IN PART I, LINE 2.

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