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Taxpayer identification number:
Tax periods:

Dear Taxpayer:

We received the documentation for your identity theft claim. We are firmly committed to working with victims like you to resolve identity theft cases.

Identity theft issues are complex and require complete and thorough research to resolve. It could take up to 180 days for us to process identity theft cases. If you are entitled to a refund, we will issue it when we are finished processing your case. We'll contact you if we need additional information or time. You don't need to do anything further at this time.

Continue to file all your federal tax returns as you normally would. We'll contact you if any issues arise with them.

Visit our website at www.irs.gov for information about identity theft. Use the search term "identity theft" in the search box.

Review the enclosed Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance, for detailed information on identity theft and the actions you can take to protect yourself.

The Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency, provides additional information about identity theft and essential steps you can take to protect yourself on their website at www.identitytheft.gov.

The Social Security Administration also has information on identity theft. Visit www.ssa.gov and search "identity theft".

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS that can help protect your taxpayer rights. We can offer you help if your tax problem is causing a hardship, or you've tried but haven't been able to resolve your problem with the IRS. If you qualify for our assistance, which is always free, we will do everything possible to help you. Visit taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov or call 1-877-777-4778.

You also can contact your local taxpayer advocate office. You can find

their contact information in your local telephone directory or in Publication 1546, Taxpayer Advocate Service - Your Voice at the IRS.

If you have questions, call us at 1-800-908-4490.

If you prefer, you can write to us at the address at the top of the first page of this letter.

When you write or send us information, include a copy of this letter and provide in the spaces below, your telephone number and the hours we can reach you. Keep a copy of this letter for your

Telephone number () _____ Hours _____

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

OPERATION 1 MANAGER

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