



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Tax Exempt and Government Entities  
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Cincinnati, OH 45201

THE BACKPACK FUND  
7171 SOWUL DRIVE  
PAINESVILLE, OH 44077

Date: 06/03/2022  
Employer ID number: 85-2028439  
Person to contact: Name: Customer Service  
ID number: 31954  
Telephone: 877-829-5500  
Accounting period ending: September 30  
Public charity status: 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required: Yes  
Effective date of exemption: July 15, 2020  
Contribution deductibility: Yes  
Addendum applies: No  
DLN: 26053545002992

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements