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Certified Public Accountants

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT'S NEW IN VERMONT - 2006

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ITEMS IN ITALICS AND RETURN THIS SHEET TO US

### PROPERTY TAX UPDATE

All Vermont resident homeowners must file a new form, HS-122, which combines the former Declaration of VT Homestead and Property Tax Adjustment Claim. Although the form is included in the tax booklet, it **IS NOT** part of your tax return. It must be completed and submitted to Vermont as soon as possible, either by using the paper form or completing it on-line. Form HS-122 is due April 17, 2007. The last date to file a late declaration is September 4, 2007. Homeowners filing the form after September 4, 2007 will have their property taxes assessed at the non-resident rate and will be ineligible to make a property tax adjustment claim. Late filing penalties will apply to all forms filed after April 17, 2007. Please send us a photocopy of your HS-122 form once you have submitted it to Vermont.

As in prior years, year 2006 property taxes will not be reconciled as part of your tax return. If your 2006 adjusted gross income is under \$106,000, all sections of Form HS-122 should be completed, and Household Income Form HI-144 must also be attached. You may be eligible for a property tax adjustment. The calculation for the property tax adjustment will use the 2006 household income, 2006 house site value, and 2006 property taxes on the house site. The 2007 property tax adjustment, if any, **goes directly to your town** as a credit towards your 2007/2008 property tax bill. Beginning July 2007, the Vermont Department of Taxes will send notifications to homeowners of the amount credited to their property tax bill.

If you would like us to prepare the HS-122 and HI-144 forms, we will need the amount and type of other income received, which may not normally be taxable (e.g., child support, veteran's benefits, etc.). Furthermore, we also need complete details of the amounts and types of all income for **ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD** not included on this tax return (includes children, roommates, non-family persons). If you have adult children who use your address for filing their Vermont tax returns, this will cause problems unless all of their income is reported on the rebate claim.

### SALES TAX (USE TAX)

Unless you advise us to the contrary, we will calculate the standard Vermont Sales Tax Assessment (0.04% of Vermont adjusted gross income) in lieu of actual sales/use tax occurring on out-of-state/mail order purchases.

*If you have kept records and know the actual amount of qualifying out-of-state and mail order purchases, please indicate that amount here: \_\_\_\_\_.* (Do not include purchases of clothing under \$110.)

PLEASE ALSO READ OTHER SIDE

**CIVIL UNIONS**

If you qualify to file under Vermont's Civil Union rules, please notify us, as we will need to request additional information. This will not affect the manner in which your federal tax return is filed.

**VERMONT SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

*Do you wish to contribute, on your Vermont tax return, to any of the following special Vermont Funds? If yes, please indicate the amount. Your contribution will be tax deductible if you itemize your deductions in 2007*

	YES/NO	AMOUNT
Vermont Non-game Wildlife Fund	_____	_____
Vermont Children's Trust Fund	_____	_____
Vermont Campaign Fund	_____	_____

**VERMONT 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN**

If you contributed during 2006 to a 529 plan administered by VSAC (Vermont Student Assistance Corporation), please provide copies of the paperwork as you may be eligible for a Vermont tax credit.

**USING AN INCOME TAX REFUND TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES**

If you are a Vermont resident homeowner and filed a declaration of homestead, please indicate if you want all or part of your Vermont income tax refund to pay 2007 property taxes. The State will add an amount equal to one percent of the refund amount towards your property taxes. If you do not indicate any allocation of your refund to your property taxes, the default is that the full refund will be sent to you.