

## **Tax Reduction Letter**

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## Reg. Section 1.469-5T(f)

Material participation (temporary)

- (f) Participation—
  - (1) See  $\S 1.469-5(f)(1)$  for rules relating to this paragraph.
  - (2) Exceptions—
    - (i) Certain work not customarily done by owners. Work done in connection
      with an activity shall not be treated as participation in the activity for
      purposes of this section if—
      - (A) Such work is not of a type that is customarily done by an owner of such an activity; and
      - (B) One of the principal purposes for the performance of such work is to avoid the disallowance, under section 469 and the regulations thereunder, of any loss or credit from such activity.
    - (ii) Participation as an investor—
      - (A) In general. Work done by an individual in the individual's capacity as an investor in an activity shall not be treated as participation in the activity for purposes of this section unless the individual is directly involved in the day-to-day management or operations of the activity.
      - (B) Work done in individual's capacity as an investor. For purposes of this paragraph (f)(2)(ii), work done by an individual in the individual's capacity as an investor in an activity includes—
        - (1) Studying and reviewing financial statements or reports on operations of the activity;
        - (2) Preparing or compiling summaries or analyses of the finances or operations of the activity for the individual's own use; and
        - (3) Monitoring the finances or operations of the activity in a non-managerial capacity.

- (3) Participation of spouse. In the case of any person who is a married individual (within the meaning of section 7703) for the taxable year, any participation by such person's spouse in the activity during the taxable year (without regard to whether the spouse owns an interest in the activity and without regard to whether the spouses file a joint return for the taxable year) shall be treated, for purposes of applying section 469 and the regulations thereunder to such person, as participation by such person in the activity during the taxable year.
- (4) Methods of proof. The extent of an individual's participation in an activity may be established by any reasonable means. Contemporaneous daily time reports, logs, or similar documents are not required if the extent of such participation may be established by other reasonable means. Reasonable means for purposes of this paragraph may include but are not limited to the identification of services performed over a period of time and the approximate number of hours spent performing such services during such period, based on appointment books, calendars, or narrative summaries.