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Dear Mr. Birenbaum:

I am responding to your letter to Commissioner Shulman dated May 13, 2011. You asked that we make a mid-year adjustment to the standard mileage rate.

On June 23, 2011, we increased the standard mileage rate by releasing Announcement 2011-40. We will publish this announcement in Volume 2011-29 of the Internal Revenue Bulletin on July 18, 2011. The announcement raises the business standard mileage rate for miles traveled between July 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011, from 51 cents per mile to 55.5 cents per mile. It also raises the medical and moving standard mileage rate for the same period from 19 cents per mile to 23.5 cents per mile.

I hope our response is helpful. If I can assist you further, please contact me or Mr. Bernard Harvey, Identification Number 50-03134, at (202) 622-4930.

Sincerely,

Chief, Branch 7

Office of the Associate Chief Counsel

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