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AUTO, TRAVEL AND MEALS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT 2024 INCOME TAX RETURNS

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Taxpayer penalties, preparer penalties and disclosure requirements imposed by the Tax Reform Act of 1986 require you to acknowledge record keeping requirements and limitations on deductions. This form must be completed and signed if you claim deductions for travel, meals or auto expense on your tax return.

<u>AUTO</u>

		<u>YES</u>	NO
1.	Did you claim auto expense this year?		
2.	Do you understand that as an employee, commuting directly to and from work is <u>not</u> considered business mileage?		
3.	Did you maintain a written record of your mileage?		
4.	Is a copy of that record included with your tax information?		
5.	If a copy of your auto log is <u>not</u> included in your tax information, have you retained the records in your possession?		
6.	Do you understand that this written record must be retained as part of your files until at least April 15, 2029?		
7.	If you did not maintain a written record of your auto mileage, did you use estimations?		
8.	If estimates were used, please explain below how the <u>total mileage</u> and/or <u>business mileage</u> were estimated.		

TRAVEL AND MEALS

	<u>YES</u>	NO
Did you claim travel expense this year?		
Did you maintain a written record of your travel?		
Is a copy of that record included with your tax information?		
Do the meals claimed on your return represent 100% of the meals?		
Do you understand that when we prepare your return, only 50% of business related meals are deductible.		
Do you understand that estimates of travel and meals are not an allowable record keeping procedure?		
For business meals, have you made a note for <u>each</u> meal as to how the meal was "directly related" to your trade or business?		
Do you have receipts for all travel and meal expenditures over \$75?		
Do you have receipts for all your business motel and hotel expenses?		
For overnight travel have you maintained records to show:		
a) The times (dates left and returned).b) Number of business days.c) The city or destination.d) The business purpose of the travel.e) The amount of each separate expense.		
Do you understand that you are <u>no longer allowed a deduction</u> <u>for entertainment, amusement or recreation activities?</u>		
Signed:		_
Dated:		