HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome to another tax season! Thank you so much for your trust over the years.

My office is still located on the NE corner of 143rd & Metcalf, 14221 Metcalf Ave., Suite 200, Overland Park, KS 66223. The office is open M-F 8:30 to 5:00 or by appointment. You can drop documents off anytime during those hours.

Again this year, we will be offering a client portal for you to use to upload documents and to obtain digital copies of all filings. Here is the link to access this.

https://my.smartvault.com/secure/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fusers%2fsecure%2fHome.aspx

I will also need you to complete the annual questionnaire as in prior years. It is brief and essential to help me make sure all relevant information gets included. This can be found on my website. Please click here to access it: http://www.mshtax.com/links.html Please plan to give this to me with your individual tax data along with the signed engagement letter which can also be found on my website. If you would like to get a personalized organizer with your prior year data proform'd to assist you in gathering your data this year, please email me, and I will get one to you right away. There is also one available for you to download in your client portal online. There is a lot of other great information on my website so check it out! www.mshtax.com

It is our goal to prepare your tax returns accurately and as timely as possible. To help us with this process, please try to submit all of your tax data as soon as you have everything assembled. If we do not have all of your tax return data by March 31, we cannot guarantee that your tax returns will be completed by April 15 although we will do our best. In the event that we need to extend your tax return, we will estimate the amount of taxes you will need to pay by April 15 and file your extension electronically. Work on extended tax returns will resume in late-May.

Keeping you informed, is a high priority for me because I don't always know what to ask you. Late in December last year, the Congress passed the SECURE Act. This new law makes several big changes to retirement accounts. In particular the age to begin the RMD (Required minimum distribution) is now 72. Also, there is no longer an age maximum to be able to contribute to an IRA. The new law permits some new penalty free withdrawals from retirement accounts for the birth or adoption of a child and for repayments to student loans. And now long-term part-time workers may be eligible to participate in their employers 401(k) plan.

Yours Truly,

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