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435 North Park Avenue Room 102
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Hello,

My name is Mike Lewis coordinator of the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. We had received a letter the first of December from the Dodge County Assessor's office. This letter was unseen by myself until the date of January 5th, 2022, as a volunteer I care for matters such state tittle holding matters and administrative duties.

Our Kingdom Halls as well as our public ministry worldwide has been halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic for the safety of our parishioner's as well as the public safety of our neighbors, a decision which was made by our organization for the last two years. Our meetings and all activity had been accomplished via zoom, as well as letter writing, our meetings only will be opening up again worldwide April 1st 2022.

We have a maintenance and operating personal who due to the pandemic, are the only ones allowed in the building that manage the hall itself and normally gathers the mail. However, during the month of December, I had not received the mail and asked those who do the inspection to make sure I receive it not knowing if there may be important matters to handle. Once I seen the letter of application I talked to the Assessor's Office and it was clearly explained the legal situation for being late and that there may be a late date filing of up to \$100.00 depending on the boards decision on these matters. I did provide my new address so that this matter could be resolved in the future.

I had no knowledge of matters until receiving the letter dated March 9th, 2022, that our tax exemption status for 2022 had been denied. I talked to Debbie Churchill at her office, and it was explained to me what I needed to request. Although very embarrassed that this was late, I would like to request in writing a late waiver from the County Board of Equalization, to allow the County Assessors office to process said application and understand why there is a legal precedence in this matter.

Thank you for reviewing my request,
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