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OBJECTIVE ADVICE ON THE ROAD OF LIFE

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Dear Client:

Please be advised that **New York State has implemented a new driver's license requirement related to filing any individual income tax returns prepared using software, starting with the 2016 tax year.** This move is another step in their quest to improve security measures and prevent fraudulent tax refunds.

What does this mean for you?

- If you have a driver's license (whether issued by NYS or another state), we will need to obtain a copy for our files as we are required to report selected information prior to electronically filing your tax returns. If you file a joint return, we will also need a copy of your spouse's license. If you have a dependent that is required to file their own tax returns, we will need a copy of their license as well (if available).
- If you do not have a driver's license but have a state-issued ID, we will need to obtain a copy for our files (similar to above).
- If you have neither a driver's license nor state-issued ID, we can indicate that you don't have either one prior to e-filing. Note that this alone should not cause a delay in processing your tax return, but your refund may be delayed if all efforts to validate you are unsuccessful.

This new requirement is in coordination with efforts of the Internal Revenue Service and various other states as an additional verification device to deter fraud.

Please feel free to contact our office at (518) 899-5544 if you have any questions or concerns related to due dates, your tax returns or any other tax or financial concern.

Sincerely,

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