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RE: Comments of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel On Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Guidance on Qualified Tuition Programs Under Section 529

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Your Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding Guidance on Qualified Tuition Programs Under Section 529, published in Volume 73, No. 13, of the Federal Register on Friday, January 18, 2008, at page 3441 et seq., requests comments by interested persons. Although the deadline for comments set forth in the Advance Notice was March 18, 2008, Mary Berman graciously granted the College an extension of time to submit comments until April 16, 2008.

Enclosed with this letter are the College's comments in response to the Advance Notice. Three Fellows of the College, former President Robert J. Rosepink, of Scottsdale, Arizona, Susan T. Bart, of Chicago, Illinois, and Diana S.C. Zeydel, of Miami, Florida, participated actively in the drafting of these comments. In addition, these comments have been reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee of the College, which acts as the College's governing body between meetings of the Board of Regents. The College hopes that the Service will consider carefully the many points addressed in these comments.

We welcome the opportunity to offer any additional assistance that might be desired.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure