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Dear Members of Heroin Anonymous,

It has recently come to the attention of the Heroin Anonymous World Services, Inc. Board members that our organization's corporation status was at risk of dissolution due to failure to file an annual report. It has also come to our attention that tax filings from 2018 and 2019 were not filed, suspending our organization tax exempt status. Finally, some of our contract 1099s were not filed with the IRS.

The H.A.W.S., Inc. Board met on November 13th to discuss the various issues and have worked hard as an executive leadership team to identify the root cause. We are working closely with our CPA to rectify these issues and have faith they were a result of past well intended members not completely understanding their positions and the requirements for operating a business in the state of Arizona.

Our CPA has corrected our financial records and given us a clear financial picture of our current situation. With this we can better evaluate how to operate the business moving forward. There are many things that remain unclear as far as penalties or back taxes owed by the fellowship for the unfiled tax years. We are prepared to evaluate and make informed decisions once we receive correspondence from the IRS.

We are confident as a board that these issues will be corrected and have been instructed by our CPA to operate as we normally would. We have also taken the recommendation of our CPA to explore hiring an external bookkeeper that will handle record keeping, filings, and reconciliation of our accounts to remain in good standing. We are also developing operating procedures to ensure understanding of our role as a board in overseeing the business aspect of H.A.W.S., Inc.

The Heroin Anonymous World Services Board is committed to moving forward from this event in a way that makes the fellowship stronger. We know we cannot change the past, but we can learn and grow to become a better organization. It is trust and reliance on a power greater than ourselves that has been guiding this fellowship from its inception, and that trust will allow us continue to serve our primary purpose.

Sincerely,

The Heroin Anonymous World Services Board

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