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Dear TAX CLIENT,

PLEASE READ: VERY IMPORTANT; THIS EFFECTS YOUR 2018 TAXES. I am only sending this letter to clients who had a 2106 form in their tax return for 2016; this affects YOU.

Yesterday I attended my annual TaxUpdate. Most of the program was focused on the 2017 returns that we are about to file. Not much has changed there.

However, they did give us a HEADS UP about what this recent tax bill that was just passed has done to us. If you are self employed this does not affect you.

If you are a **W-2 employee** and have **ANY UNREIMBURSED EMPLOYEE BUSINESS EXPENSES** you just got **screwed**.

Unreimbursed employee business expense have been **eliminated for 2018-2025**.

That means if you are a **W-2** truck driver, electric substation technician, traveling electric lineman, traveling tree service, outside sales, rural mail carrier, you **no longer** get to deduct **meals, or per diem for food, motels, or any travel expenses including mileage**.

If you are anyone who travels for a living , is gone overnight and has to pay their own travel expenses that are not reimbursed by their employer (such as motels, food, gas)has been **NEGATIVELY EFFECTED BY THE NEW LAW**. Because for 2018 and forward you **CANNOT DEDUCT THESE EXPENSES**.

Your solutions are limited; suck it up and deal, quit, demand a raise large enough to cover what you can no longer deduct, or demand your employer reimburse you your expenses,(businesses can still deduct expenses they reimburse you for) or lobby congress to change the bill they just passed(lots of luck with that one). I advise everyone in the above lines of work to immediately change their W-4 to SINGLE ZERO & ZERO for Michigan to avoid a large balance due.

Please spread the word among everyone you know in any of these professions.

Sincerely

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