In the Matter of the Petition

of

W. BART and SUE ANN BIELAWSKI

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

State of New York County of Albany

Bruce Batchelor , being duly sworn, deposes and says that

whe is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of
age, and that on the 7th day of June , 1977, whe served the within

Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon W. Bart & Sue Ann

Bielawski (representative xxx) the petitioner in the within proceeding,

by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed
as follows:

Mr. & Mrs. W. Bart Bielawski
25 Hillcrest Drive
Painted Post, New York 14870

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative wixtime) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative wixtime) petitioner.

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7th day of June

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For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Personal Income : Taxes under Article(x) 22 of the Tax Law for the Year (**) XXXXX *** XXXX *** XXX *** XXXX *** XXXX *** XXXX *** XXXX *** XXXX *** XXXX *** XXX *** XXXX *** XXX *** XXX

State of New York County of Albany

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(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Walter R. Conlin, P.A.

P.O. Box 1386 Corning, New York 14830

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

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Bruce Botchely



STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227 ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

June 7, 1977

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-1723

Mr. & Mrs. W. Bart Bielawski 25 Hillcrest Drive Painted Post, New York 14870

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bielawski:

Please take notice of the **DECISION** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(2) 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours

Frank J. Puccia

Enc.

Supervisor of Small Claims Hearings

cc: Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

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W. BART and SUE ANN BIELAWSKI

DECISION

for Redetermination of Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1972.

Petitioners, W. Bart and Sue Ann Bielawski, residing at 25 Hillcrest Drive, Painted Post, New York 14870, have filed a petition for redetermination of deficiency or for refund of personal income taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1972. (File No. 2-26824542). A small claims hearing was held before Harry Huebsch, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Governmental Civic Center, 44 Hawley Street, Binghamton, New York, on October 19, 1976, at 9:15 A.M. Petitioner, W. Bart Bielawski, appeared pro se and for his wife, and by Walter R. Conlin, P.A. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (James Scott, Esq., of counsel).

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did petitioners, W. Bart and Sue Ann Bielawski, properly deduct and substantiate the amounts claimed on their 1972 New York State personal income tax return for employee business expenses, casualty loss and contributions?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Petitioners, W. Bart and Sue Ann Bielawski, filed a timely New York State combined personal income tax return for the year 1972. On their return they claimed employee business expenses of \$1,420.26, a casualty loss of \$7,775.00 and charitable contribu-The Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of tions of \$1,622.63. Audit Changes on March 22, 1974 disallowing all of the employee business expenses claimed upon the grounds that reimbursable travel expenses were not deductible because petitioner, W. Bart Bielawski, did not choose to request reimbursement of said expenses The Income Tax Bureau also disallowed the entire from his employer. casualty loss claimed because petitioners, W. Bart and Sue Ann Bielawski, did not submit documentation or substantiation to support the deduction. Charitable contributions in the amount of \$952.53 were disallowed upon the grounds that petitioners failed to substantiate more than \$670.10 of the \$1,622.63 claimed. A Notice of Deficiency was issued July 29, 1974 to petitioners, W. Bart and Sue Ann Bielawski, for the year 1972 in the amount of \$581.96 additional personal income tax due, plus \$56.20 interest, for a sum of \$638.16.
- 2. Petitioner, W. Bart Bielawski, was employed by Corning Glass Works, Corning, New York, as a senior marketing specialist during the year 1972. He contended that he used his car for local, business connected, travel. He was not reimbursed for the expenses

so incurred nor did he request reimbursement from his employer.

Petitioner, W. Bart Bielawski, failed to submit any documentary

or other substantial evidence to show that he had incurred employee

business expenses in the amount of \$1,420.26 during said year.

- 3. As the result of a flood on June 23, 1972, caused by heavy rains, W. Bart and Sue Ann Bielawski, sustained a casualty loss, after provision for the \$100.00 limitation, in the amount of \$4,087.50 during the year 1972. Petitioners, W. Bart and Sue Ann Bielawski, failed to submit satisfactory evidence in excess of this amount.
- 4. During the year 1972, petitioners, W. Bart and Sue Ann Bielawski, made charitable contributions totaling \$695.10. They failed to submit documentary or other satisfactory evidence in excess of this amount.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the amount claimed for employee business expense of \$1,420.26 was not a proper deduction in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 162 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- B. That the petition of W. Bart and Sue Ann Bielawski is granted to the extent of reducing the disallowance of the casualty loss from \$7,775.00 to \$3,687.50 and of reducing the disallowance of the charitable contributions from \$952.53 to \$927.53. The additional personal income tax due from petitioner, W. Bart Bielawski, is reduced from \$290.98 to \$157.37, together with such interest as may be lawfully due and the additional personal income

tax due from petitioner, Sue Ann Bielawski, is reduced from \$290.98 to \$157.37 together with such interest as may be lawfully due; that the Income Tax Bureau is hereby directed to accordingly modify the Notice of Deficiency issued July 29, 1974 and, except as so granted, the petition is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York

June 7, 1977

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COMMISSIONER