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Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar.

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REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING/E-FILING OF INCOME TAX RETURN AND WEALTH STATEMENT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2017

Respectfully Sheweth,

I, on behalf of Multan Tax Bar Association take this opportunity to thank you for accepting our humble request for an extension of time for filing / E-Filing of Income Tax Return and Wealth Statement for the tax year 2017 till 15th November, 2017.

Your good-self would appreciate that besides filing of Income Tax Return, the last date to file online (i) Monthly Sales Tax Return and (ii) Monthly Withholding Statement for the tax period/month of October 2017 also falls on 15th November. 2017.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Income Tax Return and Wealth Statement Form 2017 were finalized and uploaded on Web-Portal "IRIS System" through Final SRO 981(1)/2017 dated 28th September, 2017. It is pertinent to mention here that the prescribed time granted under the law i.e. Section 118 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 {the Ordinance) for Filing/E-Filing of the Tax Return along with Wealth Statement is up-to 27th December, 2017.

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We have reasons to believe that till 7th November; almost 700,000 Income Tax Returns have been filed in comparison to tax year 2016 at 430,000; which is very commendable. We are also happy to note that out of 700,000 about 95,000 are new registered individuals. It is also undeniable fact that last year (2016) 1.3 Million returns were filed and keeping in view the above, we are anticipating that at least 200,000 new taxpayers would file their return of income, which will reach to 1.5 Million. We further understand that the department is yet to receive 825,000 tax returns; 90% of which will be filed through online mode of communication.

Your Honor, it is also an undeniable fact that the tax consultants across the country are putting their heart and soul and contributing extra working hours to perform their professional and national duty to prepare and finalize the tax returns/wealth statements in order to complete the work. Sir, this can be adjudged with the higher number of returns received this year in comparison to the figures of last year in the corresponding months. However, we are afraid that the existing FBR IT infrastructure or the tax practitioners have the capacity to achieve this target on or before 20th December, 2017.

Sir, we further draw your attention towards that since last week, Punjab is in severe grip of heavy Smog / Fog and it paralyzing the daily activities of every person and affected the pace of work of tax consultants also.

Sir, the increase in number of taxpayer also increased the work load of tax consultants.

Your Honor, keeping in view the positive results of FBR's "Outreach Program" and above narrated factual & legal position of filling/e-filling of tax returns, we request you to kindly indulge into the matter and further extend the date for filling of tax returns up to 20th December, 2017 in order to



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maximize the number of filers through outreach program and to facilitate the existing taxpayers of the country, who are regularly contributing into the national exchequer as their moral and legal obligation for better and prosperous Pakistan.

We hope your good self will accede to our humble request and oblige.

Truly yours,

(SHABBIR FAKHRUDDIN) **PRESIDENT**



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