#### STATE OF NEW YORK

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

of

Sheldon & Dolores Bashinsky

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of New York State Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law and New York City Personal Income Tax under Chapter 46, Title T of the Administrative Code of the City of New York for the Year 1980.

State of New York:

ss.:

County of Albany :

David Parchuck/Janet M. Snay, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is an employee of the State Tax Commission, that he/she is over 18 years of age, and that on the 23rd day of April, 1987, he/she served the within notice of Decision by certified mail upon Sheldon & Dolores Bashinsky the petitioners in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

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Sheldon & Dolores Bashinsky 1145 East 72nd Street Brooklyn, NY 11234

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a post office 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 petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the petitioner.

Sworn to before me this 23rd day of April, 1987.

Authorized to administer oaths pursuant to Tax Law section 174

# STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

April 23, 1987

Sheldon & Dolores Bashinsky 1145 East 72nd Street Brooklyn, NY 11234

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bashinsky:

Please take notice of the Decision of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 690 & 1312 of the Tax Law and Chapter 46, Title T of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, a proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission may be instituted only under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to:

NYS Dept. Taxation and Finance Audit Evaluation Bureau Assessment Review Unit Building #9, State Campus Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 457-2086

Very truly yours,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Taxing Bureau's Representative

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SHELDON BASHINSKY AND DOLORES BASHINSKY DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of New York State Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law and New York City Personal Income Tax under Chapter 46, Title T of the Administrative Code of the City : of New York for the Year 1980.

Petitioners, Sheldon Bashinsky and Dolores Bashinsky, 1145 East 72nd Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of New York State personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law and New York City personal income tax under Chapter 46, Title T of the Administrative Code of the City of New York for the year 1980 (File No. 64058).

A hearing was held before Allen Caplowaith, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on January 28, 1987 at 10:45 A.M. Petitioners appeared pro se. Audit Division appeared by John P. Dugan, Esq. (Herbert Kamrass, Esq., of counsel).

## **ISSUE**

Whether penalties imposed against petitioners for failure to timely file their 1980 return were proper.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On March 29, 1984, Sheldon Bashinsky and Dolores Bashinsky (hereinafter "petitioners") filed a Claim for Credit or Refund of Personal Income Tax for

the year 1980, wherein they claimed that they are properly entitled to a refund of \$428.32. Said amount represents the penalties imposed pursuant to section 685(a)(1) of the Tax Law and former section T46-185.0(a)(1) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York for failure to timely file a 1980 return.

- 2. On March 25, 1985, the Audit Division issued a notice of disallowance to Mr. Bashinsky advising him that the aforestated claim was disallowed in full.
- 3. Petitioners testified that they timely filed a New York State Income
  Tax Resident Return With City of New York Personal Income Tax for the year
  1980.
- 4. The Audit Division has no record of such return being filed by petitioners. A return, which was purported to be a copy of their original return, was submitted by petitioners. Such return, which was undated and unsigned, was received by the Audit Division on January 6, 1983 and considered to be a late filed return.
- 5. On April 13, 1981, petitioners filed an Application for Automatic Extension (2 months) of Time to File their 1980 return.
- 6. Petitioners argued that they timely filed their 1980 return, on April 14, 1981 without payment of the total reported balance due of \$1,903.64. Mrs. Bashinsky testified that she didn't pay the New York State and City tax liability timely because she was waiting for receipt of her New Jersey refund, which she intended to use toward payment of the 1980 New York State and City liability.
- 7. Petitioners alleged that although they received their New Jersey refund within a couple of months of such filing, they forgot to pay their New York State and City tax liability from the New Jersey refund.

8. Subsequently, on December 30, 1982, petitioners paid their 1980 New York State and City balances due together with penalties imposed for failure to timely file their return and failure to timely pay the tax shown on the return.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the penalties imposed pursuant to section 685(a)(1) of the Tax

  Law and former section T46-185.0(a)(1) of the Administrative Code of the City

  of New York, are due and owing when a return is filed later than the prescribed

  date (determined with regard to any extension of time for filing) unless it is

  shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect.
- B. That petitioners have failed to sustain their burden of proof, imposed pursuant to section 689(e) of the Tax Law and former section T46-189.0(e) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, to show that their 1980 return was timely filed or that if such return was late filed, it was due to reasonable cause rather than willful neglect.
- C. That the petition of Sheldon Bashinsky and Dolores Bashinsky is denied and the notice of disallowance of their refund claim issued March 25, 1985 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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