The Regents of the University of Michigan
500 South State Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Consideration has been given to your application for exemption from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Our records show that you were held to be exempt under section 101(6) of the Revenue Act of 1938 and the corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts, by a ruling dated December 1, 1939. A ruling of August 12, 1943, modified the ruling of December 1, 1939, and held you to be exempt from Federal income tax as a wholly-owned instrumentality of the State of Michigan.

You indicate that the reason you are applying for exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Code is that your employees desire to avail themselves of the tax treatment provided under section 403(b) of the Code.

You were constituted a body corporate by specific provision of Article II, Section 4, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1908, to operate the University of Michigan. Your authority is derived from that portion of Section 5 of the said Article II which states that the Board of Regents shall have the general supervision of the university and the direction and control of all expenditures from the university funds.

After careful consideration of all the evidence presented, including the provisions of the law under which you operate, it is concluded that you are an instrumentality of the State of Michigan, and that you are also exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Since you are exempt under section 501(c)(3), section 403(b) of the Code is applicable to annuity contracts purchased by you for your employees, provided the contracts meet the conditions of the latter section. This ruling modifies our ruling of August 12, 1943.
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Contributions made to you are deductible by donors as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under the provisions of sections 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the Code.

Your District Director is being advised of this action.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Director, Tax Rulings Division