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Potential Tax Savings Opportunity

Dear Client:

The new tax legislation that has gone into effect for 2018 purports to simplify individual tax returns by doubling the standard deduction and eliminating or capping various itemized deductions. Therefore, many taxpayers may no longer be itemizing their deductions that are reported on schedule A.

This is where the potential tax savings opportunity may prove beneficial.

Based on information in your 2017 tax return, we have identified that you may no longer fully benefit from your itemized deductions, particularly charitable contributions.

Since you are at or near 70 ½ years of age you may be required to take required minimum distributions (RMD's) from your IRA accounts. The IRS allows you to directly contribute up to \$100,000 of your RMD's to a charitable organization without it being included in your income. This strategy (qualified charitable deduction) would allow you to not include the RMD in your income while avoiding the potential loss of the deduction on Schedule A because of the higher standard deduction in 2018.

If you would like to explore this opportunity in greater detail, please call Tawnya at 919-510-9399 and she will schedule a phone consultation with one of our tax professionals.

Sincerely,

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