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COUNTY OF LUZERNE, PENNSYLVANIA  
HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX REMITTANCES  
BUDGET INN HOTEL, KINGSTON, PA

*Independent Controller's Office Report  
For the Period January 1 through December 31, 2014*

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September 18, 2015

Mr. Jagdish Desai  
Budget Inn  
444 Wyoming Avenue  
Kingston, PA 18704

**RE: Hotel Room Rental Tax Audit Results**

Dear Mr. Desai:

Thank you for your recent assistance in helping us complete a Hotel Room Rental Tax Audit of your establishment. Your cooperation was greatly appreciated.

As you know, pursuant to the County of Luzerne Hotel Room Rental Tax Ordinance Regulations, effective July 1, 1996, and last updated on July 8, 2014, a five percent (5%) hotel room rental tax shall be collected and remitted to the Luzerne County Tax Administrator who is charged with managing, administering, and collecting the Hotel Room Rental Tax. You successfully complied with this regulation.

To assist the Tax Administrator in determining the accuracy of hotel room rental tax remittances made by the Budget Inn management for the period January 1 through December 31, 2014, **we have verified your compliance with the Ordinance Regulations for hotel room rental tax collection.** In doing so, we compared the hotel operator's accounting records for reported revenue and hotel room rental tax collections with the hotel room rental tax receipts received by the County of Luzerne.

Based on our review, the results were as follows:

- Total reported taxable hotel revenues of \$113,542.92 resulted in \$5,677.15 in hotel tax payable to the County of Luzerne for 2014.
- Hotel operator reported \$10.08 more in revenue than our audit could substantiate.
- As a result of the higher revenue amount, **hotel operator reported and paid \$0.50 more** in hotel tax than our numbers reflected.

The Ordinance Regulations state: "An operator may claim a refund when it is established in the manner prescribed by the Treasurer, that the person from whom the tax has been collected was not an occupant subject to the tax; provided, however, that a refund shall not be allowed unless the amount of the tax collected has either been refunded to the guest or credited to rent subsequently payable to the operator." Therefore, you may request the refund if you can show that the occupant has been refunded/credited. Otherwise, **no action is required by you.**

Thank you again for your cooperation and assistance in our completion of this audit.



Michelle Bednar  
County Controller

The Hotel Tax Audit  
of the Budget Inn, Kingston, PA  
for the Period January 1 through December 31, 2014

This report was initially distributed to the following:

Mr. Robert Lawton	County Manager
Ms. Linda McClosky Houck	County Council Chair
Mr. Brian Swetz	Budget & Finance Director
Ms. Laura Beers	County Tax Administrator
Mr. Jagdish Desai	General Manager, Budget Inn

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