

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	Case No. 3:21-cv-50119
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v.)	
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GRETCHEN ALVAREZ)	
aka GRETCHEN TREJO, INDIVIDUALLY)	
and dba SICK CREDIT REPAIR TAX)	
AND LEGAL SERVICES;)	
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Defendants.)	
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STIPULATED ORDER OF PERMANENT INJUNCTION

Plaintiff, the United States of America, and Defendant Gretchen Alvarez, aka Gretchen Trejo, Individually and dba Sick Credit Repair Tax and Legal Services (“Sick Credit”), (collectively “Alvarez”) stipulate as follows:

1. The United States filed a complaint alleging that Defendant Alvarez prepared tax returns which understated her customers’ tax liabilities by (1) fabricating Schedule C business losses; and (2) or claiming education credits to which the taxpayers were not entitled.
2. Defendant admits that this Court has jurisdiction over her and over the subject matter of this action.
3. Defendant waives the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 52 and 26 U.S.C. §§ 7402, 7407 and 7408.
4. Defendant enters into this Stipulated Order of Permanent Injunction voluntarily. However, Defendant is not admitting the allegations contained in the complaint filed by the United States.

5. Defendant waives any right she may have to appeal from the Stipulated Order of Permanent Injunction.

6. Defendant acknowledges that entry of this Stipulated Order of Permanent Injunction neither precludes liability (*e.g.*, the assessment of taxes, interest, or penalties) against her for asserted violations of the Internal Revenue Code, nor precludes Defendant from contesting any such liability.

7. Defendant agrees and consents, without further proceedings, to the immediate revocation of any Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) that is held by, or assigned to her pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6109.

8. Defendant consents to the entry of this Stipulated Order of Permanent Injunction without further notice and agrees that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over her for the purpose of implementing and enforcing this Stipulated Order of Permanent Injunction. Defendant further understands that if she violates this Stipulated Order of Permanent Injunction, she may be found to be in contempt of Court and may be sanctioned for that.

9. Entry of the permanent injunction resolves only this civil injunction action, and neither precludes the government from pursuing any other current or future civil or criminal matters or proceedings, nor precludes Defendant from contesting her liability in any matter or proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the Court hereby FINDS, ORDERS, and DECREES:

A. The Court has jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1340 and 1345 and under 26 U.S.C. §§ 7402, 7407 and 7408;

B. Defendant consents to the entry of this stipulated order of injunction and agrees to be bound by its terms; and

C. Alvarez is permanently enjoined under 26 U.S.C. §§ 7402, 7407 and 7408 from, directly or indirectly:

1. Preparing or assisting in the preparation or filing of federal tax returns, amended returns, and other related documents and forms for anyone other than herself;
2. Advising, counseling, or instructing anyone about the preparation of a federal tax return;
3. Owning, managing, controlling, working for, consulting for, or volunteering for a for an entity that is in the business of preparing federal tax returns or other federal tax documents or forms for other persons;
4. Advertising tax return preparation services through any medium, including print, online, and social media;
5. Maintaining, assigning, holding, using, or obtaining a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) or an Electronic Filing Identification Number (EFIN);
6. Representing customers in connection with any matter before the IRS;
7. Employing any person to work as a federal income tax return preparer;
8. Providing office space, equipment, loans or services for, or in any other way facilitating, the work of any person or entity that is in the business of preparing or filing federal tax documents or forms for others or representing persons before the IRS;
9. Referring any customer to a tax preparation firm or a tax return preparer, or otherwise suggesting that a customer use any particular tax preparation firm or tax return preparer;

10. Selling, providing access, or otherwise transferring to any person some or all of the proprietary assets of Alvarez generated by her tax return preparation activities, including but not limited to customer lists;
11. Engaging in any conduct that substantially interferes with the administration and enforcement of the internal revenue laws;
12. Operating, or assisting in the operation of, a business that prepares federal tax returns;

D. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Alvarez shall, within 30 days of entry of this stipulated order of injunction, prominently post a copy of this stipulated order of permanent injunction (with dimensions of at least 12 by 24 inches), continuously during the filing season (January 1, 2022 to April 15, 2022), at all the locations where Alvarez conducts business, including her residence;

E. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Alvarez shall send, within 30 days of entry of this stipulated order of injunction, by U.S. mail and, if an email address is known, additionally by email, a copy of this stipulated order of injunction, with no other enclosures unless approved by the Department of Justice to (1) all persons listed in the Excel spreadsheets provided by the United States to Alvarez by encrypted email on June 7, 2021; and (2) all employees and independent contractors Alvarez or Sick Credit has had since January 2017;

F. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Alvarez shall, within 45 days of entry of this stipulated order of injunction, file the accompanying declaration (**Exhibit A**), signed under penalty of perjury, confirming that she has received a copy of the Court's order and have complied with the terms described in paragraphs D, E, and F of this Complaint;

G. IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that the Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this injunction and the United States is permitted to engage in post-judgment discovery in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to ensure compliance with this permanent injunction.

DATE: 6/30/2021

ENTER:

Philip G. Reinhard

United States District Court Judge

Agreed in substance and form by:

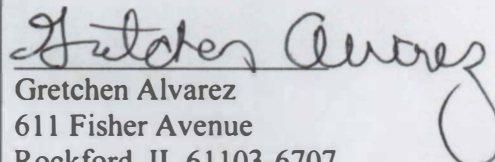
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SWORN CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), Defendant Gretchen Alvarez, declares, under penalty of perjury, that I have received a copy of the injunction order and I have complied with Paragraphs D and E of the injunction order, relating to emailing/mailling a copy of the injunction order to customers.

I declare under penalty of perjury that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing is true.

Date: _____

Gretchen Alvarez
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Defendant

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