

IN THE ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT TAX TRIBUNAL

CARDINAL HEALTH, INC AND  
AFFILIATES

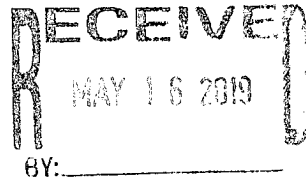
Petitioner,

vs.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Respondent.

Case No. 197777



**PETITION**

Cardinal Health, Inc. (“CHI”) together with its affiliates (collectively referred to herein as “Cardinal Health” or “Petitioner”), by and through its attorneys, Baker & McKenzie LLP, who are duly authorized to represent Petitioner in this regard pursuant to the Power of Attorney attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, hereby petitions the Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal to review and reverse the Notices of Deficiency issued by the Illinois Department of Revenue (“Department”) as follows:

**PARTIES**

1. Petitioner is a multistate business enterprise that engages in business through a number of affiliates.
2. Petitioner maintains its corporate headquarters at 7000 Cardinal Place, Dublin, Ohio, 43017, and its telephone number is 614-757-5000.
3. For purposes of filing an Illinois unitary combined group tax return for the tax year ending 2014 (the “Period at Issue”), Petitioner’s designated agent is CHI. CHI’s federal identification number is 31-0958666.
4. The Department is an agency of the State of Illinois and is responsible for administering and enforcing the revenue laws of the State of Illinois.

## **JURISDICTION**

5. On or about March 19, 2019, the Department issued Notices of Deficiency (“Notices”) to Petitioner assessing corporation income tax, penalties and interest for the Period at Issue, letter ID CNXXXX9724363361. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
6. This Tribunal has original jurisdiction over all Department determinations reflected on Notices of Deficiency, among other notices, where the amount at issue exceeds \$15,000, exclusive of penalties and interest. 35 ILCS 1010/1-45.
7. The amount at issue in this matter exceeds \$15,000 exclusive of penalties and interest such that this Tribunal has original jurisdiction over the matter.

## **BACKGROUND**

8. Petitioner is a worldwide business enterprise engaged in the marketing, sale and distribution of pharmaceutical and medical products to hospitals, clinics, government agencies and retail pharmacies nationwide.
9. Cardinal Health 110, LLC (“CH110”) is an affiliate of CHI and is included in Petitioner’s Illinois unitary group for tax purposes for the Period at Issue.
10. Cardinal Health 411, Inc. (“CH411”) is an affiliate of CHI and is included in Petitioner’s Illinois unitary group for tax purposes for the Period at Issue.
11. CH110 and CH411 have employees in numerous states, and both are primarily engaged in the wholesale distribution of pharmaceutical products to and the performance of various pharmacy management services for its customers nationwide as part of Petitioner’s multistate business enterprise.

12. In states where it has no employees, CH411 relies on affiliates to perform various functions on its behalf for purposes of maintaining a market for its products in those states and furthering business relationships with its customers.
13. One such affiliate working on behalf of CH411 is CH110.
14. CH110 employs Pharmacy Business Consultants (“PBCs”), who make in-person visits to CH411 customers in states nationwide, including, but not limited to, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin.
15. PBCs keep detailed records of their sales, services, and other activities performed on behalf of CH411’s customers including providing technical assistance, addressing customer complaints / issues, collecting on accounts, and setting up and training customers on how to operate the inventory management program to purchase products from CH411 and other Cardinal Health affiliates.
16. The services provided by PBCs are integral in generating CH411’s customer base and business activities in Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin and are essential to maintaining its market in these states and others.
17. Based on the physical presence of the employees of its affiliates including, but not limited to, PBCs who maintain customer relationships and perform services and other activities on behalf of CH411 in each state, CH411 files and pays tax on its income on either a separate return, or as part of a unitary combined group return in Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, among other states.
18. Based on the physical presence of the employees of its affiliates including, but not limited to, PBCs who maintain customer relationships and perform services and other activities on behalf of CH411 in each state, CH411’s sales / receipts are included in the numerators of the sales factor reported on either a separate return, or the unitary combined group return, in the states of Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, among others.
19. CH411 sold pharmaceutical products to customers located in Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, among others, well in excess of \$100,000 in each state during the Period at Issue.

20. CH411 engaged in thousands of transactions with customers located in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states during the Period at Issue.
21. Based on the activities performed on its behalf in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and other states, CH411 files and pays tax on its income on either a separate return, or as part of a unitary combined group return in Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, among other states.
22. The Department audited Petitioner's Illinois corporation income tax returns for its tax year ending 2014.
23. Based on its audit, the Department adjusted Petitioner's income apportioned to Illinois by improperly including certain receipts of CH411 in the numerator of Petitioner's Illinois sales factor (i.e., these sales were "thrown back" or "reverted" to Illinois). Specifically, the Department included approximately \$3.5 billion in additional receipts in the numerator of Petitioner's Illinois sales factor for the tax year ending 2014.
24. The "thrown back" sales at issue were shipped from CH411's distribution center in Aurora, Illinois, to purchasers located almost entirely in the states of Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. A relatively small amount of sales were also shipped to purchasers located in Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.
25. The Department's position is that these sales originating from Petitioner's distribution center and shipped to out-of-state purchasers are "Illinois sales" and must be thrown back to Illinois because Petitioner is not "subject to tax" in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states.

#### **COUNT I**

#### **CH411 IS SUBJECT TO TAX AND, IN FACT, PAID TAX ON OUT-OF-STATE SALES TO CUSTOMERS IN INDIANA, MICHIGAN, WISCONSIN AND OTHER STATES**

26. Petitioner hereby restates and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 25 as if fully set forth herein.

27. In the Notices, the Department overstates Petitioner's income apportionable to Illinois by improperly "throwing back" CH411's sales made to customers in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states for purposes of computing Petitioner's Illinois sales factor.
28. CH411 was subject to a net income tax in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states during the Period at Issue.
29. CH411 filed a separate corporate net income tax return and paid tax in Indiana during the Period at Issue.
30. CH411 filed a corporate net income tax return and paid tax as part of Petitioner's unitary combined group in Michigan for the Period at Issue.
31. CH411 filed a corporate net income tax return and paid tax as part of Petitioner's unitary combined group in Wisconsin for the Period at Issue.
32. CH411 included its sales to Indiana customers in the numerator of its Indiana sales factor reported on its Indiana corporate tax return for the Period at Issue (e.g., approximately \$1.7 billion for the tax year ending 2014).
33. CH411 included its sales to Michigan customers in the numerator of Petitioner's Michigan sales factor reported on Petitioner's Michigan corporate tax return for the Period at Issue (e.g., approximately \$1 billion for the tax year ending 2014).
34. CH411 included its sales to Wisconsin customers in the numerator of Petitioner's Wisconsin sales factor reported on Petitioner's Wisconsin corporate tax return for the Period at Issue (e.g., approximately \$500 million for the tax year ending 2014).
35. Under Illinois's throwback statute for purposes of computing the Illinois sales factor, "[s]ales of tangible personal property are in this state if . . . The property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory or other place of storage in this State and . . . the person is not taxable in the state of the purchaser . . . ."  
35 ILCS 5/304(a)(3)(B)(ii).

36. Illinois authority provides that a taxpayer is taxable in another state, and its sales may not be thrown back to Illinois, if “(1) In that state he is subject to a net income tax . . . or (2) That state has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to a net income tax regardless of whether, in fact, the state does or does not.” 35 ILCS 5/303(f); Ill. Admin. Code tit. 86 § 100.3200(1).
37. Department regulations further provide that “[a] taxpayer claiming to be taxable in another state . . . must establish not only under the laws of that state he or she is subject to one of the specified taxes [e.g. corporate net income tax], but that he or she, in fact, pays the tax.” Ill. Admin. Code tit. 86 § 100.3200(2).
38. Based on the activities of PBCs, CH411 has physical presence in the states of Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, among others.
39. PBCs acting on behalf of CH411 perform various in-person activities dedicated to maintaining CH411’s market in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states.
40. Under Illinois law, CH411 is subject to tax in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states, because it has a physical presence there by virtue of PBCs acting on its behalf in those states. *See e.g.*, Ill. Admin. Code tit. 86, § 100.9720(c)(4) (providing a non-exhaustive list of activities that will render a taxpayer “subject to tax,” including “collecting current or delinquent accounts . . . installation or supervision of installation after shipment or delivery . . . conducting training . . . providing any kind of technical assistance[,]” among others).
41. Under Indiana law, CH411 is subject to tax in Indiana because it has a physical presence there by virtue of PBCs acting on its behalf in those states. *See e.g.* Ind. Code § 6-3-2-2(a)(2); Ind. Admin. Code 3.1-1-38(4).
42. Under Michigan law, CH411 is subject to tax in Michigan because it has a physical presence there by virtue of PBCs acting on its behalf in those states. Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 206.621(1)(b).

43. Under Wisconsin law, CH411 is subject to tax in Wisconsin because it has a physical presence there by virtue of PBCs acting on its behalf in those states. Wis. Admin. Code Tax 2.82(4).
44. PBCs provide several of the services that make a taxpayer “subject to tax” under Section 100.9720(c)(4), including, but not limited to, providing technical assistance, addressing customer complaints / issues, collecting on accounts, and setting up and training customers on how to operate the inventory management program to purchase products from CH411.
45. The Department has argued in other cases that Illinois follows an economic nexus standard. *See e.g., Capital One Fin. Corp v. Illinois Department of Revenue*, No. CSP048, 2015 BL 396584 (Ill. Cir. Ct. May 11, 2015).
46. If an economic nexus standard applies in Illinois for corporate net income tax purposes, CH411’s sales in Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin exceed constitutional thresholds for economic nexus in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states. *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, 138 S.Ct. 2080 (2018).
47. The activities of PBCs are more substantial than “mere solicitation” and exceed the protections of P.L. 86-272, such that CH411 is not protected by P.L. 86-272 in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states.
48. The burden of establishing entitlement to a tax exemption, such as the protection afforded by P.L. 86-272, rests with the party seeking to assert it. *City of Chicago v. Illinois Department of Revenue*, 147 Ill.2d 484, 491 (1992).
49. As the party arguing in favor of the application of an exemption from tax, the Department has failed to introduce any evidence and, therefore, meet its burden to show that the states of Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and others were prohibited from imposing a net income tax on CH411 under P.L. 86-272.
50. CH411 had nexus in Indiana and filed a separate tax return with the Indiana Department of Revenue and included its Indiana sales in the numerator of its Indiana sales factor for the Period at Issue.

51. CH411 checked the box on the face of its Michigan return confirming that, individually, it has nexus with the State of Michigan, and included its Michigan sales in the numerator of its Michigan sales factor during the Period at Issue.
52. CH411 had nexus with Wisconsin and included its Wisconsin sales in the numerator of its Wisconsin sales factor during the Period at Issue.
53. The Department misapplied Illinois's throwback sales statute by including CH411's out-of-state sales in the numerator of Petitioner's Illinois sales factor. CH411 was subject to tax and, in fact, paid tax on its net income in those other states.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays the Tax Tribunal find and enter an order determining that the Department's inclusion of CH411's out-of-state sales in the numerator of its Illinois sales factor is improper and that the Department's assessments, along with any penalties and/or interest, must be abated in their entirety, along with such other and further relief as the Tax Tribunal deems appropriate in this matter.

## COUNT II

### **APPLICATION OF ILLINOIS'S THROWBACK RULE IN THIS CASE VIOLATES THE COMMERCE CLAUSE OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AS IT DOES NOT RELATE TO ACTIVITIES PERFORMED IN THE STATE**

54. Petitioner hereby restates and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 53 as if fully set forth herein.
55. A state tax affecting interstate commerce must meet a four-pronged test to survive a Commerce Clause challenge: (1) the tax must be applied to an activity that has a "substantial nexus" with the taxing state; (2) the tax must be "fairly apportioned" to activities carried on by the taxpayer in the taxing state; (3) the tax must not discriminate against interstate commerce; and (4) the tax must be "fairly related" to services provided by the taxing state. *Complete Auto Transit, Inc. v. Brady*, 430 U.S. 274, 277-279, 287 (1977).



56. As applied to CH411's sales of tangible personal property shipped to customers in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states, the Department's determination that these out-of-state sales must be thrown back to Illinois violates *Complete Auto's* fair apportionment requirement.
57. In order to meet the fair apportionment prong of *Complete Auto*, the tax must meet both an "internal consistency" and an "external consistency" test. *Container Corp. of Am. v. Franchise Tax Bd.*, 463 U.S. 159, 169 (1983). Under the "internal consistency" test, the tax must not result in multiple taxation if every state were to impose the same tax. Under the "external consistency" test, a state is precluded from taxing value attributable to income earned outside of the state. That is, states are precluded from extraterritorial taxation. *Id.* at 175-76. Here, requiring Petitioner to throw back CH411's sales made to customers in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states, where CH411 files net income tax returns, pays net income tax, and includes these sales in the numerators of each state's respective sales factor, violates both the internal and external consistency tests.
58. If every state were to apply a throwback rule as the Department proposes to do with these assessments despite having adopted a destination-based sourcing rule for sales of tangible personal property, it would result in multiple taxation of the same income in both the origin and destination state. The same sales / receipts would be included in the numerators of both the destination and origin state sales factors, thereby improperly overstating the apportionable income attributable to each state. This violates the internal consistency test under *Container Corp. of Am. v. Franchise Tax Bd.*
59. As applied to the Petitioner in this instance, the throwback rule in Illinois results in the taxation of income earned outside the state of Illinois by including the receipts at issue in the numerator of the Illinois sales factor (origin state) when they were already included in the numerators of each destination state sales factor. This results in improper extraterritorial taxation in violation of the external consistency test of *Container Corp. of Am. v. Franchise Tax Bd.*

60. Thus, requiring Petitioner to throwback CH411's sales made to customers out of state, where CH411 files net income tax returns, pays net income tax, and includes these sales in the numerators of each state's respective sales factor, violates the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution and is therefore invalid.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays the Tax Tribunal find and enter an order determining that the Department's inclusion of CH411's out-of-state sales in the numerator of the Illinois sales factor is improper and violates the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution, and that the Department's assessments, along with any penalties and/or interest, must be abated in their entirety, along with such other and further relief as the Tax Tribunal deems appropriate in this matter.

### **COUNT III**

#### **IITA SECTION 304(a)(3)(B)(ii) VIOLATES THE UNIFORMITY CLAUSE OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION**

61. Petitioner hereby restates and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 60 as if fully set forth herein.

62. Pursuant to IITA Sections 5/304(a)(3)(B)(ii) and 5/303(f), shipments of tangible personal property that originated in Illinois and which are delivered to a purchaser in another state are considered "in this State" for purposes of computing the numerator of the Illinois sales factor if the taxpayer is not subject to a net income tax in the state of the purchaser.

63. Article IX, Section 2 (the "Uniformity Clause") of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 states:

In any law classifying the subjects or objects of non-property taxes or fees, the classes shall be reasonable and the subjects and objects within each class shall be taxed uniformly. Exemptions, deductions, credits, refunds and other allowances shall be reasonable.

64. In order to survive a challenge under the Uniformity Clause, "a non-property tax classification must (1) be based on a real and substantial difference between the people taxed and those not taxed, and (2) bear some reasonable relationship to the object of the legislation or to public policy." *Arangold Corp. v. Zehnder*, 204 Ill.2d 142, 153 (2003) (internal citations omitted).

65. The Uniformity Clause “was intended to be a broader limitation on legislative power to classify for non-property tax purposes than the limitation of the equal protection clause.” Furthermore, “[w]hen faced with a good-faith uniformity challenge, the taxing body bears the initial burden of producing a justification for the classification.” *Id.* “A party bringing a uniformity clause challenge need not negate every conceivable basis that might justify the classification.” *Searle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Dep’t of Revenue*, 117 Ill.2d 454, 468 (1987). Therefore, a “a good-faith challenge to a tax classification requires the taxing body to justify the classification.” *Primeco Personal Communications L.P. v. Illinois Commerce Commission*, 196 Ill.2d 70, 85 (2001).
66. Under the Department’s application of IITA Section 304(a)(3)(B)(ii) in this case, an entity that sells tangible personal property but that is not the employer of record of the representatives who maintain a market on its behalf in a particular state is subject to the Illinois throwback rule (here, CH411 according to the Department), while an entity that sells tangible personal property and that is the employer of record of such representatives is not subject to the Illinois throwback rule (here, CH110 according to the Department).
67. Under the Department’s application of IITA Section 304(a)(3)(B)(ii) in this case, Petitioner would have a different Illinois sales factor and Illinois apportionment factor based solely on which entity employs the representatives who are maintaining a market for CH411 and CH110 in various states.
68. For example, if CH411 was the employer of record for the PBCs, the Department would have instead “thrown back” CH110’s sales originating from an Illinois location, if any, for the Period at Issue, which would have arbitrarily resulted in a different Illinois sales factor and Illinois apportionment factor for Petitioner in direct conflict with the Uniformity Clause of the Illinois Constitution.
69. There is no real and substantial difference between entities that sell tangible personal property and that are the employers of record of representatives who maintain a market on their behalf in a particular state and

entities that sell tangible personal property and that are not the employers of record of such representatives.

70. Due to this disparate treatment of otherwise identical entities, the Department has the burden of producing a justification for such disparate treatment.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays the Tax Tribunal find and enter an order determining that the Illinois throwback rule in IITA Section 304(a)(3)(B)(ii) is unconstitutional because it violates the Uniformity Clause of the Illinois Constitution of 1970. Therefore, the Department's assessments must be abated, along with any penalties and/or interest, and such other and further relief as the Tax Tribunal deems appropriate in this matter.

#### COUNT IV

#### **IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PETITIONER IS ENTITLED TO AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT PURSUANT TO IITA SECTION 304(f)**

71. Petitioner hereby restates and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 70 as if fully set forth herein.

72. In the alternative to the relief sought in Counts I, II, and III Petitioner is entitled, pursuant to IITA Section 304(f), to an alternative method of apportionment of its business income in order to achieve an equitable apportionment thereof.

73. Under Illinois law and the Department's regulations, IITA Section 304(f) provides that "if the allocation and apportionment provisions of subsections (a) through (e) do not fairly represent the extent of a person's business activity in this State, the person may petition for or the Director of Revenue may require, in respect of all or any part of the person's business activity, if reasonable: (1) separate accounting; (2) the exclusion of any one or more factors; (3) the inclusion of one or more additional factors which will fairly represent the person's business activities in this State; or (4) the employment of any other method to effectuate an equitable allocation and apportionment of the person's business income." *See* Ill. Admin. Code tit. 86, § 100.3390(a); *and* 35 ILCS 5/304(f).

74. As described in Count II, improperly apportioning Petitioner's income by including CH411's out-of-state sales in the numerator of the Illinois sales factor under the state's throwback rule does not fairly represent the extent of Petitioner's business activity in the state because it results in multiple taxation of the same income, and extraterritorial taxation of income earned by Petitioner in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states.

75. Such a result is distortive and does not fairly represent Petitioner's business activity in Illinois. An alternative methodology providing for exclusion of these out-of-state sales from the numerator of Petitioner's Illinois sales factor would more fairly and equitably reflect Petitioner's business activities in Illinois.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays the Tax Tribunal find and enter an order determining that the Department's inclusion of CH411's out-of-state sales in the numerator of its Illinois sales factor does not fairly represent Petitioner's business activity in the state and is therefore invalid. Therefore, the Department's assessments must be abated, or at least adjusted, along with any penalties and/or interest, and such other and further relief as the Tax Tribunal deems appropriate in this matter.

#### **COUNT V**

#### **PENALTIES ASSESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT MUST BE ABATED**

76. Petitioner hereby restates and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 75 as if fully set forth herein.

77. All penalties assessed for the Period at Issue must be abated in full, regardless of the Tax Tribunal's determinations on Counts I through V.

78. Specifically, the Department's Notice and Explanation of Audit Adjustments imposes a UPIA-5 late payment penalty of \$384,835.00 for the tax year ending 2014.

79. The Department's penalty assessments during the Period at Issue must be abated in full for reasonable cause.
80. Under Illinois law, no penalty shall be imposed on a taxpayer if his failure to pay tax was due to reasonable cause. 35 ILCS 735/3-8.
81. Under Illinois regulations, "the most important factor to be considered in making a determination to abate a penalty will be the extent to which the taxpayer made a good faith effort to determine his proper tax liability in a timely fashion." Ill. Admin. Code tit. 86, § 700.400(b).
82. A taxpayer is considered to have made a good faith effort to determine and file and pay his tax liability if "he exercised ordinary business care and prudence in doing so." Ill. Admin. Code tit. 86, § 700.400(c).
83. The taxpayer's filing history is also considered in determining whether the taxpayer acted in good faith. Ill. Admin. Code tit. 86, § 700.400(d).
84. Petitioner made a good faith effort to comply with all applicable laws in preparing its 2014 tax return and timely submitting the tax due and was not reckless, careless or negligent in doing so.
85. Petitioner exercised ordinary business care and prudence in determining its proper tax liability and filing and paying its proper liability during the Period at Issue in a timely fashion.
86. Petitioner has a history of timely filing corporate income tax in states where it has a taxable nexus and paying its corporate income tax liabilities in a timely manner.
87. Assessment of penalties is not appropriate where the assessment of tax results from reasonable differences of opinion as to the tax liability.
88. Reasonable differences of opinion exist here such that even if assessment of the additional tax at issue here is deemed appropriate, assessment of penalties for the Period at Issue is not.

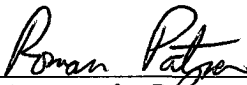
89. All penalties imposed by the Department during the Period at Issue must be abated for reasonable cause.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays the Tax Tribunal enter an order abating the assessed penalty amounts in full and such other relief the Tax Tribunal deems appropriate in this matter.

DATED: May 16, 2019

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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# **EXHIBIT A**





Illinois Department of Revenue  
**IL-2848 Power of Attorney**



**Read this information first**

Submit your completed form to **REV.POA@Illinois.gov**. Do not attach to your tax return. You also may be required to provide a copy of this form to a representative of the Illinois Department of Revenue. This power of attorney automatically expires 10 years from the date it is signed. If you do not properly complete this form, you will be required to submit a new Form IL-2848. See the instructions for additional information. **Note:** A separate form may need to be completed for each taxpayer. An asterisk (\*) below indicates a required field.

**Step 1: Complete the following taxpayer information**

Cardinal Health Inc. & Affiliates			31-0958666
Name of individual or business*			Identification number (i.e., FEIN or SSN)* - All nine digits required.
7000 Cardinal Place			17750-39392
Street address*			Illinois Account ID (if known)
Dublin	OH	43017	( 614 ) 757-5000
City*	State*	ZIP*	Daytime phone number*

**Step 2: Identify the authorized agent or fiduciary executing this form - Signature required in Step 6**

Complete the following if the taxpayer is a corporation, partnership, trust, or estate (i.e., not an individual taxpayer) or if someone other than the taxpayer is authorizing the power of attorney and the taxpayer is an individual. If you are not the taxpayer and you already have been designated by the courts as power of attorney, do not complete this form. Instead complete Form IL-56, Notice of Fiduciary Relationship. See instructions for who can execute this form.

Wayne Robinson			Vice President - Tax
Name*			Title*
7000 Cardinal Place			( 614 ) 757-5000
Street address*			Daytime phone number*
Dublin	OH	43017	
City*	State*	ZIP*	Email address

**Step 3: Identify the representative(s) - If more than two representatives, list the total number here: \_\_\_\_\_**

Attach a copy of page one for every two additional representatives. (See Instructions.) **Note:** If any representative listed is a person who is not an attorney, a certified public accountant, or an enrolled agent, you must complete the notary section of Step 6.

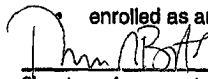
The taxpayer named above appoints the following representative as attorney-in-fact:

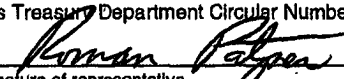
Theodore R. Bots	Roman Patzner
Name of individual*	Name of individual*
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Baker & McKenzie LLP	Baker & McKenzie LLP
Name of firm, if applicable	Name of firm, if applicable
6224515	6300525
Identification number (Attorney License No., PTIN, FEIN, or SSN)* - See Instr.	Identification number (Attorney License No., PTIN, FEIN, or SSN)* - See Instr.
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Email address	Email address

Check this box if you want to authorize the Department to send duplicate copies of notices to the representative listed above.  Check this box if you want to authorize the Department to send duplicate copies of notices to the representative listed above.

Complete the following if a box above is checked to indicate that the representative is an attorney, CPA, or enrolled agent

- I declare that I am not currently under suspension or disbarment and that I am
- a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the jurisdiction indicated below; or
  - duly qualified to practice as a certified public accountant in the jurisdiction indicated below; or
  - enrolled as an agent pursuant to the requirements of United States Treasury Department Circular Number 230.

 5/3/2019  
 Signature of representative Date  
 Theodore Bots IL  
 Print name Jurisdiction (state(s), etc.)

 5/3/2019  
 Signature of representative Date  
 Roman Patzner IL  
 Print name Jurisdiction (state(s), etc.)

**Step 4: Revocation of power of attorney appointments**

This power of attorney revokes all powers of attorney on file with the Illinois Department of Revenue with respect to the same matters and years or periods covered. If you do not want to revoke prior powers of attorney, check this box:

**Step 5: Identify the tax matters and the type of appointment** — Designate the Tax Matters to which the power of attorney applies and the Type of Appointment.

**Tax Matters**

Illinois Corporate Income Tax  
Tax Type/Tax Form(s) or Notices\*

Tax Period Ending 6/30/2014  
Tax Year(s) or Filing Period(s)\*

Tax Type/Tax Form(s) or Notices

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**Type of Appointment** — Check either General or Specific Appointment. Do not check both boxes. See Instructions.

**General Appointment**

The attorneys-in-fact named above shall have, subject to revocation, full power of attorney to perform any act that the principals can and may perform, including the authority to receive and discuss confidential information for the tax matters listed above.

**Specific Appointment**

The attorneys-in-fact named above shall have, subject to revocation, power of attorney to receive and discuss with the Illinois Department of Revenue confidential information for the tax matters listed above and to perform only those additional acts that the principals can and may perform designated below. (Check the following, as applicable.)

- Yes Endorse or collect checks in payment of refunds.
- Yes Receive checks in payment of any refund of Illinois taxes, penalties, or interest.
- Yes Execute waivers (including offers of waivers) of restrictions on assessment or collection of deficiencies in tax and waivers of notice of disallowance of a claim for credit or refund.
- Yes Execute consents extending the statutory period for assessments or collection of taxes.
- Yes Delegate authority or substitute another representative.
- Yes Execute offers in compromise or settlement of tax liability.
- Yes Represent the taxpayer before the Illinois Department of Revenue in administrative hearings or the Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal (requiring representation by an attorney).
- Yes Represent the taxpayer before the Illinois Department of Revenue in proceedings other than administrative hearings, such as proceedings before the Informal Conference Board or the Board of Appeals.
- Yes Obtain a private letter ruling on behalf of the taxpayer.
- Yes Other (Please describe.)

**Step 6: Signature (Required)** - This form must be signed by the taxpayer listed in Step 1 or the individual listed in Step 2.

If signing as a corporate officer, partner, fiduciary, or individual on behalf of the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute this power of attorney on behalf of the taxpayer.

Wayne Robinson Tax 5/2/19  
Taxpayer's Signature\* Print name\* Title, if applicable Date\*

Spouse's signature (required if spouse is listed in Step 1) Print name Date

**Complete the following if any representative listed in Step 3 is a person other than an attorney, a certified public accountant, or an enrolled agent.**

If the power of attorney is granted to a person other than an attorney, a certified public accountant, or an enrolled agent, this document must be witnessed or notarized below. Please check and complete one of the following:

Any person signing as or for the taxpayer

- Is known to and this document is signed in the presence of the two disinterested witnesses whose signatures appear here, OR

Signature of witness Date

Signature of witness Date

- appeared this day before a notary public and acknowledged this power of attorney as his or her voluntary act and deed.

Signature of notary Date

**Notary seal**



# **EXHIBIT B**

**Notice of Deficiency**  
**for Form IL-1120, Corporation Income and Replacement Tax Return**

28,451



March 19, 2019



Letter ID: CNXXXX9724363361

**Taxpayer ID:** 31-0958666  
**Audit ID:** A580035072  
**Reporting period:** June 2014  
**Total Deficiency:** \$8,601,727.30  
**Balance due:** \$8,601,727.30

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#BWNKMGV  
#CNXX XX97 2436 3361#  
CARDINAL HEALTH INC  
7000 CARDINAL PL  
DUBLIN OH 43017-1091

We have audited your account for the reporting period listed above. The attached statement explains the computation of your deficiency and the balance due. **Illinois law requires that we notify you of this deficiency and your rights.**

**If you agree to this deficiency**, pay the total balance due as soon as possible to minimize penalty and interest assessed. Make your check payable to the "Illinois Department of Revenue", write your taxpayer ID on your check, and mail a copy of this notice along with your payment.

**If you do not agree**, you may contest this notice by following the instructions listed below.

- **If the amount of this tax deficiency, exclusive of penalty and interest is more than \$15,000, or if no tax deficiency is assessed, but the total penalties and interest is more than \$15,000**, file a petition with the Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal within **60 days** of this notice. Your petition must be in accordance with the rules of practice and procedure provided by the Tribunal (35 ILCS 1010/1-1, *et seq.*).
- **In all other cases**, file a protest with us, the Illinois Department of Revenue, within **60 days** of the date of this notice. If you file a protest on time, we must reconsider the proposed deficiency, and if requested, grant you or your authorized representative and administrative hearing. An administrative hearing is a formal legal proceeding conducted pursuant to the rules adopted by the Department and is presided over by an administrative law judge. Submit your protest on Form EAR-14, Format for Filing a Protest for Income Tax, (available on our website at [tax.illinois.gov](http://tax.illinois.gov)). If we do not receive your protest within **60 days**, this deficiency will become final. A protest of this notice does not preserve your rights under any other notice.
- **In any case**, you may instead, under Sections 2a and 2a.1 of the State Officers and Employees Money Disposition Act (30 ILCS 230/2a, 230/2a.1), pay the total liability under protest using Form RR-374, Notice of Payment Under Protest (available on our website at [tax.illinois.gov](http://tax.illinois.gov)), and file a complaint with the circuit court for a review of our determination.

If you do not protest this notice or pay the assessment total in full, we may take collection action against you for the balance due which, may include levy of your wages and bank accounts, filing of a tax lien, or other action.

If you have questions, call us at the telephone number shown below.

Sincerely,

David Harris  
Director

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
AUDIT BUREAU  
PO BOX 19012  
SPRINGFIELD IL 62794-9012  
(217) 782-8064

**REDACTED**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on May 16, 2019 a copy of the foregoing Petition has been duly served by U.S. mail, first-class, postage prepaid, on the Illinois Department of Revenue at the following address:

Illinois Department of Revenue  
Office of Legal Services  
100 W. Randolph St., Level 7-900 (7th Floor Thompson Center)  
Chicago, Illinois 60601



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