

## Multiple Support Declaration

OMB No. 1545-0071

► **Attach to Form 1040 or Form 1040A of Person  
Claiming the Dependent.**

Attachment  
Sequence No. **50**

Name of person claiming the dependent

Social security number

During the calendar year 19 \_\_\_\_\_, I paid over 10% of the support of

Name of person

I could have claimed this person as a dependent except that I did not pay over 50% of his or her support. I understand that the person named above is being claimed as a dependent on the income tax return of

Name

Address

I agree not to claim this person as a dependent on my Federal income tax return for any tax year that began in this calendar year.

Your signature

Your social security number

Date

Address (number, street, apt. no.)

City, state, and ZIP code

### Instructions

#### Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us the information. We need it to ensure that you are complying with these laws and to allow us to figure and collect the right amount of tax.

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The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is: **Recordkeeping**, 7 minutes; **Learning about the law or the form**, 2 minutes; **Preparing the form**, 7 minutes; and **Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS**, 10 minutes.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write or call the IRS. See the instructions of the tax return with which this form is filed.

#### Purpose of Form

Form 2120 is used for two purposes:

**1.** When two or more individuals together pay over 50% of another person's support, one of them can claim the person as a dependent for tax purposes. Any person who pays over 10% but less than 50% and **does not** claim the dependent must complete and sign a Form 2120 or similar statement and give it to the person claiming the dependent.

**2.** The person **claiming** the dependent attaches all of the Form(s) 2120 to his or her tax return. See **How To File** below.

#### Who Can Claim the Dependent

Generally, to claim someone as a dependent, you must pay over 50% of that person's living expenses (support).

Even if you don't pay over half of another person's support, you may still be able to claim him or her as a dependent if **all five** of the following apply and all others who paid over 10% agree not to claim the person as a dependent.

- 1.** You and one or more other eligible person(s) together paid over half of another person's support.
- 2.** You paid over 10% of the support.
- 3.** No one alone paid over half of the person's support.
- 4.** The other four dependency tests are met. See **Dependents** in the Form 1040 or Form 1040A instructions.
- 5.** Each other eligible person who paid over 10% of support completes **Form 2120** or similar statement.

An **eligible person** is someone who could have claimed another person as a dependent except that he or she did not pay over half of that person's support.

#### How To File

The person claiming the dependent must attach all the completed and signed Form(s) 2120 or similar statement(s) to his or her tax return. The name and social security number of the person claiming the dependent must be at the top of each Form 2120 or similar statement.

#### Additional Information

See **Pub. 501**, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information, for more information.