Request for Mitigation - Late Filing of Annual Report

I request to have the penalty reduced. I admit fault in the late filing. As a 1 person very small business working at most averaging 1 day a week (in the summers) of work/transportation, the penalty of \$1000 feel extreme and excessive at 40 times the filing fee. I have continued to try to do business properly and maintain all insurance/DOT/MCS/State filings/etc. up to date, current, and properly filed. My information has not changed in the 6 years I have been doing this. My business has be a 1 vehicle charter vehicle that has maintained all records/maintenance/fees/and insurance in that time. This has been one of the only filings that has been late.

All insurance and safety requirement are at or above standards for the safety of my passengers.

As I have said, my business makes very little profit, but enough to make it worth working for myself doing wine tours in Walla Walla. Large fees of \$1000 on a \$25 filing for being late would make it not worth it for me to do business much longer and I formally request a reduction.

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