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HANCOCK JOHN TAX FREE BOND FUND

CIK: **857769** | State of Incorporation: **MA** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
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United States Securities and Exchange Commission
OFICS Filer Support
SEC Operations Center
6432 General Green Way
Alexandria, Virginia. 22312-2413

Re: Rule 24f-2 Notice for
John Hancock Tax-Free Bond Fund
Registration No. 33-32246
811-5968
Account No. 0000857769
CIK: 857769

Dear Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Commission within two (2) months of the end of the Registrant's Fiscal Year of the number of Registrant's shares sold during the last fiscal year which are to be registered pursuant to Rule 24f-2 and to pay the appropriate registration fee.

The information required by the above referenced rule is as follows:

Fiscal Year: January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994

Number of Shares previously Registered Other than Pursuant to Rule 24f-2 Remaining Unsold at Beginning of Fiscal Year:	-0-
Number of Shares registered During Fiscal Year other than Pursuant to Rule 24f-2:	-0-
Number of Shares Sold During Fiscal Year:	7,353,669
Number of Shares Sold During Fiscal Year Pursuant to Rule 24f-2:	7,353,669

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John Hancock Advisers, Inc. - John Hancock Funds, Inc.* - John Hancock Investor Services Corporation
John Hancock Advisers International, Ltd. - NM Capital Management, Inc. - Sovereign Asset Management Corporation
*Member of National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
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Attached to this Rule 24f-2 Notice, and made part hereof, is an opinion of counsel indicating that the Securities, the Registration of which the notice makes definite in number, were legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable by the Registrant.

In accordance with subsection (c) of Rule 24f-2, a registration fee for John Hancock Tax-Free Bond of \$8,554.55 is due and a certified check payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission for such amount has been mailed to the Securities and Exchange Commission at P.O. Box 360055M, Pittsburgh, PA. The

fee computation is based upon the following:

(1) Aggregate Sales Price of Shares Sold During the Fiscal Year in Reliance Upon the 24f-2 Declaration (Based on aggregate sale price for all shares sold of \$76,807,080 less aggregate sale price of shares registered pursuant to Rule 24e-2 of \$ none)	\$76,807,080
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(1) Aggregate Redemption Price of Shares Redeemed During the Fiscal Year and,	(51,998,882)
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(2) Aggregate Redemption Price of Redeemed Shares Previously Applied by Fund Pursuant to Rule 24e-2 (a) Filings Made Pursuant to Section 24(e)(1) of Investment Company Act of 1940	\$0
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Net sales applicable for fee	\$24,808,198
Computation of fee	X.00034483

Fee	\$8,554.55
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Any questions regarding this matter should be addressed to James J. Stokowski, Treasurer, John Hancock Advisers, Inc., 101 Huntington Avenue, 8th floor, Boston, MA 02199-7603, (617) 375-1652.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Joan E. Arnold

Joan E. Arnold
Administrative Officer
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