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Dear Mr. Jackson -

I hadn't heard back from you, so in case my previous note slipped between the cracks, I thought I'd resend. Please let me know if you'd be interested in looking at a draft op-ed.

Best regards,

Carl Malamud

On Aug 7, 2015, at 11:36 AM, Carl Malamud <[carl@media.org](mailto:carl@media.org)> wrote:

Hi -

Greg Bluestein suggested I write you a note. I was recently sued by the State of Georgia for posting the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. My nonprofit has been active in trying to make the law available, not only in states like Georgia and Mississippi, but also in posting building and electrical codes for all of the US as well in Europe and India.

I'm attaching some recent press on the Georgia suit.

Might I interest you in an op-ed? "I Bought the Law" or something of that sort? I used to be a professional writer before the Internet ate my writing career. In the early 1990s, I started the first radio station on the Internet and since then have focused on making large government databases available for people.

If you're interested, let me know how many words and I'll put something together for you.

Best regards,

Carl Malamud  
[Public.Resource.Org](http://Public.Resource.Org)

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Associated Press: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Georgia-sues-over-distribution-of-state-law-6410857.php>

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Engadget: <http://www.engadget.com/2015/07/26/georgia-sues-over-state-law-posts/>

Georgia Public Radio: <https://soundcloud.com/onsecondthought/full-show-july-31-2015>

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