



STATE OF OREGON
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL COMMITTEE

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Tim Stanley, Chief Executive Officer
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Re: Notice of copyright infringement and demand to cease and desist

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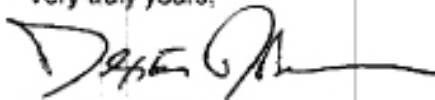
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The Committee hopes that it will not be necessary to litigate this matter, but the Committee will take any and all appropriate measures to compel your compliance with the demand contained in this letter if you do not do so voluntarily by April 30, 2008, or if you do not enter into good-faith negotiations for a license to display the *Oregon Revised Statutes* by that date. The Committee sincerely hopes that you will choose to negotiate for a license as a step toward the best outcome for all concerned.

This letter is not intended as and may not be construed to be a complete recitation of the facts or circumstances connected with this matter. Furthermore, any statement contained in this letter is not intended as and may not be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of any of the Committee's rights or remedies under law, all of which the Committee hereby expressly reserves.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please contact Sean Brennan in the Office of the Legislative Counsel at (503) 986-1243 if you have any questions or concerns about anything set forth in this letter or would like to inquire about terms for a license to display the *Oregon Revised Statutes* on your website.

Very truly yours,



Dexter Johnson
Legislative Counsel
on behalf of the Legislative Counsel Committee