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Public Works for a Better Government

November 12, 2018

Hon. Jim Hood
Attorney General of Mississippi
550 High Street, Suite 1200
Jackson, MS 39205

Dear Attorney General Hood:

On several occasions, your office has sent letters to Public.Resource.Org, Inc., a certified nonprofit under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, demanding in no uncertain terms that we must not make available the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated to members of the public for their noncommercial use. I refer to your letters of **October 7, 2013** (Certified Mail No. 7001 1940 0000 3122 2314) and **April 21, 2017** (Certified Mail No. 7011 0110 0000 3061 2847).

I wish to call to your attention **the recent unanimous opinion** issued by the Eleventh Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals in the matter of Code Revision Commission, for the Benefit of an on behalf of General Assembly of Georgia, State of Georgia versus Public.Resource.Org, Inc. The court was unambiguous in its conclusion: "*no valid copyright can subsist in these works.*"

In light of that opinion, I am writing to you today for two purposes. First, I request that you retract, in writing, your repeated threats of litigation and other state actions against Public.Resource.Org, Inc. Second, as your designated vendor refuses to sell us a copy of the Mississippi Code, I am requesting your assistance in procuring a copy of said code, either from the vendor or under the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1993, Miss. Code Ann. § 25-61-1.

I am requesting your written response within 7 business days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



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