

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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**PUBLIC.RESOURCE.ORG, ET AL. v. MATTHEW BENDER & COMPANY,
INC., ET AL.**

**Chancery Court for Davidson County
No. 22-1025-III**

No. M2022-01260-COA-R3-CV

ORDER

This appeal concerns a petition filed pursuant to the Tennessee Public Records Act (“the TPRA”). The record reflects that one of the petitioners, David L. Hudson, Jr., is a resident of Nashville, Tennessee. However, the other petitioner, Public.Resource.Org, is described in the record as a California-based entity. Under the TPRA, only citizens of Tennessee may petition for access to Tennessee public records. *Scripps Media, Inc. v. Tenn. Dep’t of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Servs.*, 614 S.W.3d 700, 704 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2019); Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503(a)(2)(A); Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-505(a).

Accordingly, the petitioner-appellant, Public.Resource.Org, is directed to show cause within fourteen (14) days why it should not be dismissed for lack of standing. Barring a demonstration of its standing, Public.Resource.Org will be dismissed as a party after the 14-day period has expired.

PER CURIAM