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VIA FACSIMILE and E-MAIL

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Re: Legislative Audit Commission Subpoena to Andrew Ross

Dear Ms. Stricklin:

I am writing to you on behalf of my client, Andrew Ross, who received the Subpoena for documents and testimony issued by the Legislative Audit Commission (the "Subpoena"). The Subpoena requests Mr. Ross to provide "all relevant documents in [his] possession or control pertaining to the implementation, planning, oversight, administration, financial administration (expenditures, disbursements, grants and reporting), and inter-agency and third party communications relating to the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative."

I have spoken with Mr. Ross regarding the requested documents, and I can confirm that Mr. Ross does not possess any documents responsive to the Subpoena.

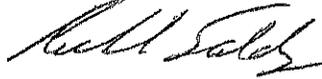
Per the discussion that took place earlier today before the members of the Legislative Audit Commission, neither my client nor I will be appearing to testify before the Commission tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. This letter shall serve as my client's representation that he does not have any responsive documents in his possession, custody or control.

As I explained to the Commission, Mr. Ross is more than willing to cooperate and testify at a later date if and when such testimony would not interfere with or otherwise obstruct the ongoing federal investigation currently being conducted by the U.S. Attorney General's office. As the members of the Commission confirmed earlier today, the U.S. Attorney General's office has requested in writing twice that the Commission refrain from conducting interviews or receiving testimony relating to the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative for a period of 90 days. Mr. Ross believes that this directive from the U.S. Attorney General provides him with reasonable cause not to testify before the Commission at this time.

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If you or the Commission have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Andrew Ross
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