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Mr. Robert Lipson
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Dear Mr. Lipson

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me over the phone on or about September 30, and explaining the guidelines your office uses for determining whether to sue a private corporation for violation of the Consumer Protection Act.

I understand there are no written guidelines you could furnish me, but you could tell me what the guidelines are. I understand your office may file suit:

- * When members of the public belong to a vulnerable group
- * When members of the public have no other practical remedies available to them
- * When the actions of the corporation or person show a pattern of abuse
- * When the abusive pattern has been investigated and verified by your office
- * When the benefit of the Attorney General's action to the public is great

I understand that your office might not file suit:

- * When the business being complained about is regulated by another agency. In that case, your office may have secondary jurisdiction

We also understand that any action by your office:

- * Is subject budgetary constraints and a limited numbers of attorneys to handle the caseload

Please correct me if I misunderstood any aspect of these guidelines, or have omitted to mention anything your office would consider necessary before you filed suit on a corporation for violation of the Consumer Protection Act.

Sincerely,

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