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Representative Dean T. Sanpei
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Dear Senator Hillyard, Representative Sanpei, and other committee members:

This letter serves as my first annual report issued pursuant to Utah Code section 78B-6-1904(5), regarding efforts to enforce the Distribution of Bad Faith Patent Infringement Letters Act (the "Act") by the Office of the Utah Attorney General (the "Office").

The Act only became effective as of May 13, 2014. I have made inquiries of my staff, and to the best of my knowledge there have been no reports of potential violations of the Act to the Office since that date. Therefore, we have started no investigations and filed no actions under the Act in the brief time since it became effective. I have, however, assigned attorneys to participate in the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) working group on "patent trolling," and our office is monitoring litigation in other states under laws and theories similar to the Act. I have also been appointed to the Intellectual Property Committee of NAAG. To date, my staff has not recommended opening up any investigations as a result of their involvement in that working group and their review of those cases.

Sincerely,

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