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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

[redacted]

Re: Davidson Center for the Arts

Dear [redacted]

On May 20, 2016 my Office received your petition under Ala. Code §13A-11-61.3 regarding a possible violation of Alabama law by the City of Huntsville. Specifically, you alleged that the Davidson Center for the Arts posted signs prohibiting firearms.

My Office's investigation confirmed that the City of Huntsville posted the signs. I asked the City of Huntsville to explain its legal justification for prohibiting firearms. The City of Huntsville reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law and provided justification for the prohibition of weapons at the Davidson Center for the Arts. In addition to "a minimum of four security individuals" that are "on duty at all times," the Center is houses a "very sophisticated security system" that is monitored by security personnel, and guests are "observed to ensure they are not bringing prohibited items into the building."

Because the City of Huntsville is permitted under Alabama law to prohibit firearms at the Davidson Center for the Arts, I have determined that there is no further action required under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3.

A redacted copy of this letter will be posted to my Office's website, in compliance with the statutory requirement under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(f)(3).

Sincerely,

Luther Strange

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