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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

[redacted]

Re: Response to request for information regarding petitions under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3 about the Alabama Department of Transportation's prohibition of firearms at rest stops

Dear [redacted]:

My Office has received various complaints about the Alabama Department of Transportation's (ALDOT) policy of banning firearms at state rest stops. Among these are your complaints about rest stops at mile marker 364 on I-65 southbound and the state rest stop in Madison County. My Office opened an investigation into ALDOT's policy.

ALDOT confirmed that it prohibits firearms at rest stops under its control. I asked ALDOT to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons at rest stops. ALDOT reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law. During my investigation, I notified ALDOT that its policy did not comply with state law. As a result, the Governor ordered ALDOT to remove signs banning weapons from all state rest stops.

Because ALDOT is now compliant with Alabama law, I have determined not to bring an enforcement action 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 that I "publicly state in writing the justification for the determination not to file suit." Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(f)(3).

Sincerely,

Luther Strange

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