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Via Certified Mail & Email

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Re: Retraction demand pursuant to Ala. Code § 6-5-186

Dear Messrs. Britt & Moon:

I represent Senator Luther Strange, and the purpose of this letter is to demand the removal and retraction of false and libelous statements in an article on your website titled "Source: State Rep. Offered Superfund Bribe with Strange Present" (hereinafter referred to as the "Article").

The Article contains many false and defamatory statements about Senator Strange. In particular, the Article states as a fact that Senator Strange was present during a meeting in which Rep. Rogers was offered a bribe. This is a lie, and it has been expressly refuted by Rep. Rogers. Given the seriousness of this allegation, it was reckless to rely on claims from an anonymous source without conducting appropriate fact-checking. Moreover, the fact that it was published without confirmation from the key source – Rep. Rogers – suggests on its face that your actions were malicious. These facts indicate that you intentionally published these false and defamatory statements or, at the least, that you published them with a reckless disregard for their falsity.

Pursuant to Ala. Code § 6-5-186, demand is hereby made that you: (1) immediately remove the Article from your website, (2) publish a prominent, full and fair retraction, and (3) cease and desist publishing these and any other defamatory statements about Senator Strange.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph B. Mays, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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