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Representative Wes Keller
Attn: Ernest Prax
600 E. Railroad Ave.
Wasilla, AK 99654

RE: SB 98, Biometrics

Dear Chairman Keller:

On behalf of Reed Elsevier and its division of LexisNexis Risk Solutions, I'm pleased to provide you information your office requested about the use of biometric data used in our identity authentication and verification products.

LexisNexis Risk Solutions is a recognized leader in data-driven capabilities and technology in the risk sector. Our company plays a vital role in supporting government, law enforcement and business customers who use our information services for important purposes including: detecting and preventing identity theft and fraud, locating suspects, finding missing children, and preventing and investigating criminal and terrorist activities.

LexisNexis Risk Solutions, through its identity authentication and verification products, provides customers with a higher level of security than traditional methods by matching unique biometric data to the individual to whom it belongs. Use of biometric data helps companies, government agencies and other entities positively identify individuals ensuring that only properly authorized persons may access sensitive information or secure areas.

LexisNexis Risk Solutions works with our customer to collect an individual's biometric data which is then digitized and securely transmitted to LexisNexis Risk Solutions secure databases for safekeeping. The biometric data is stored in separate servers and databases dedicated to this purpose and it is not commingled with any other LexisNexis data, nor is it shared with or provided or sold to third parties. Rather, LexisNexis Risk Solutions returns the biometric data only to its customer for the purpose of identity authentication and verification of the individual from whom it was collected.

LexisNexis Risk Solutions will not disclose an individual's biometric information to any third party except as required by law or as necessary to complete a fraud investigation directly related to the individual. Biometric information will be disclosed to customers upon request for investigation purposes only. Furthermore, LexisNexis Risk Solutions is under contractual obligation to not share, comeingle, sell or otherwise disseminate the data to any third party.

The database LexisNexis Risk Solutions uses to hold biometric information is safeguarded with industry standard computer security protections, including, but not limited to, anti-virus, intrusion detection, firewall, web server and application scanning. LexisNexis Risk Solutions

is fully committed to the protection of biometric data and is subject to multiple annual independent security audits.

LexisNexis Risk Solutions is an industry leader in securing biometric data for identification purposes. Our company securely stores and matches over a million biometric templates from individuals in over 80 countries. LexisNexis Risk Solutions takes very seriously its responsibility to safeguard this data and ensure it is being used only for the purposes specified by our customers and agreed to by the individuals that provide it.

Thank you for the opportunity to explain LexisNexis Risk Solutions' use of biometric data. Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you require additional information on this subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Oswald', with a stylized, cursive script.

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