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April 20, 2008

Ms. Bonnie L. Percy
Yates County Treasurer
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Dear Ms. Percy:

I was disappointed with your letter of April 17 responding to my request for information regarding requirements related to the recently passed occupancy tax. You responded that "because the matter is in litigation I am not able to respond to your correspondence at this time."

Frankly, I am confused by such a dismissive response to my request for information about existing legislation and our responsibilities to your office. Specifically, in my letter to you of March 30, I asked several questions that deserve a response so we may be able to comply with existing county law.

I would appreciate if you would again review my March 30 letter and respond to my questions related to: a) how we should respond to the ownership portion of the Certificate of Registration, b) if rental agencies are obligated to submit the occupancy tax, c) if the County Tax Form must be submitted even if rental income was not received during the previous three months, and d) a request that you send me a copy of the County Tax Form, referred to in your earlier letter. These questions have nothing to do with any litigation; they are only requests for clarification about existing legislation and the administrative procedures of your office.

I look forward to your more complete response to my request.

Sincerely,



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April 23, 2008

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Dear Ms. Rummel,

Thank you for your letter of the 17th regarding the occupancy tax. As a new legislator, I feel privileged and awed to witness the people using their constitutional rights as citizens to seek redress against the government.

That being said, I would also point out that I was not on the legislature at the time the tax law was enacted and the impending litigation effectively negates any opinion that I might have one way or the other.

If the litigation comes to fruition and the occupancy tax law is vacated, then that will end the matter. If the law is upheld in whole or part and the majority of the legislators still support it, then there will be an opportunity for the interested parties to work on implementation refinements.

There are many in this community, including my self that are dependant on the tourist industry for our livelihood. And as a community, I am hopeful that we can work through these issues.

Again, thank you for your letter and hopefully we can soon resolve this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Willson