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From: "Jasper - WordPress.com" <tosreports@wordpress.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Jul 2016 08:16:55 -0700
Subject: [WordPress #2732236]: Letter from Office of Legislative Counsel
To: Redacted

> An article was removed from my blog due to pressure by the State of
> California demanding it be removed. While I believe I was in compliance
> with all laws governing freedom of the press, I'm demanding a copy of this
> letter sent by the Office of Legislative Counsel. Thank you.
>
> Write Winger

Hello,

Under subdivision (c) of Section 6254.21 of the Government Code, an authorized representative from the state of California has demanded that we disable the following content on your WordPress.com site:

<https://therealwritewinger.wordpress.com/2016/07/05/tyrants-to-be-registered-with-gun-owners>

For your reference, we have included a copy of the complaint below. No reply is necessary, but please let us know if you have any questions.

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To whom it may concern:

My office represents the California State Legislature. It has come to our attention that the home addresses of 14 Senators and 26 Assembly Members have been publically posted on an Internet Web site hosted by you without the permission of these elected officials. Specifically, the user on your platform by the name of "therealwritewinger" posted the home addresses of these elected officials on his or her Web site at <https://therealwritewinger.wordpress.com/2016/07/05/tyrants-to-be-registered-with-gun-owners>.

This letter constitutes a written demand under subdivision (c) of Section 6254.21 of the Government Code that you remove these home addresses from public display on that Web site, and to take steps to ensure that these home addresses are not reposted on that Web site, a subsidiary Web site, or any other Web site maintained or administered by WordPress.com or over which WordPress.com exercises control. Publicly displaying elected officials' home addresses on the Internet represents a grave risk to the safety of these elected officials. On the "therealwritewinger" blog site, the user describes the listed legislators as "tyrants," encourages readers to share the legislators' home addresses with other gun owners, and threatens that the home addresses will not be removed unless the legislator repeals specified gun laws or "upon the tyrant's death." The Senators and Assembly Members whose home addresses are listed on this Web site fear that the public display of their addresses on the Internet will subject them to threats and acts of violence at their homes.

To comply with the law, please remove the home addresses of these elected officials from your Web site no later than 48 hours after your receipt of this letter (cl. (i), subpara. (D), para. (1), subd. (c), Sec. 6254.21, Gov. C.). You are also required to continue to ensure that this information is not reposted on that Web site, any subsidiary Web site, or any other Web site maintained by you (subpara. (D), para. (1), subd. (c), Sec. 6254.21, Gov. C.).

Please contact me at (916) 341-8161 or Kathryn.Londenberg@lc.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter. If these home addresses are not removed from this Web site in a timely manner, we reserve the right to file an action seeking injunctive relief, as well as associated court costs and attorney's fees (para. (2), subd. (c), Sec. 6254.21, Gov. C.).

Regards,
Kathryn Londenberg
Deputy Legislative Counsel
Legislative Counsel Bureau

— END NOTICE —

Regards,
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