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Mr. Garry Sweeney, FHEO Region VI
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
801 Cherry Street
Unit 45, Suite 2500
Fort Worth, TX 78102-6803

Re: REFERRAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Dear Mr. Sweeney:

On March 5, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received correspondence from Mr. [redacted] and received supplemental communication on July 15, 2013. These correspondences allege that, because of negligence, several buildings owned by the Lott's Realty Company fail to provide basic living conditions. The complaint also alleges that several tenants have been either improperly evicted or threatened with eviction. EPA does not provide financial assistance to the Lott Realty Company. Additionally, the complaints do not allege that the Lott Realty Company's actions were based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Therefore, OCR does not have jurisdiction to investigate these complaints.

However, Mr. [redacted]s's complaints state that the buildings of concern are Section 8 housing. Because the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development may have subject matter expertise over the allegations in these complaints, OCR is referring these complaints to your office for your review and any further action as you deem appropriate. A copy of the complaints are enclosed and the Complainant is copied on this letter to notify him that we are forwarding his complaints to your agency.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Helena Wooden-Aguilar, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights or have

your staff contact Ericka Farrell at 202-564-0717, via email at farrell.ericka@epa.gov, or by mail to the U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights, (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460-1000.

Sincerely,

Vicki Simons
Acting Director
Office of Civil Rights

Enclosures

cc: Stephen G. Pressman, Assistant General Counsel
Civil Rights and Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

Nellie Roblez, EEO Manager
U.S. EPA Region VI

[redacted], Complainant