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The Honorable Loretta Lynch
US Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

RE: Title VI Complaint for LCW Engineering, Inc. vs. DeKalb County, Georgia;
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Dear Honorable Attorney General Lynch:

Words cannot express the deep disappointment I have had since filing the Title VI Complaint with the Department of Justice on September 7, 2015 against Dekalb County, Georgia. To date, DeKalb County is still is in violation of the Civil Rights Act laws by not having a Title VI Plan or Policy. I have not been able to communicate with anyone in regards to my complaint. Remaining neutral is one thing, but complete silence represents negligence to me. If this was an English language issue or other typical complaint, it would have been addressed by now. And Dekalb County keeps receiving federal funds while my firm is still being discriminated against.

The basis of my complaint is same-race and sex discrimination through the DeKalb County Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Program. The county has used this program and federal funds in a fraudulent manner to discriminate against African-American and Women owned businesses. My firm alone has suffered with over $2M in subcontracts that we have not been allowed to earn.

My original Title VI Complaint was filed with Georgia DOT in December 2009 against DeKalb County. I was informed in a letter that there would be no investigation. DeKalb County had no Title VI Policy or Plan. Because of the continuous discrimination, harm and subsequent blackballing of my company, I filed another Title VI Complaint with the Department of Justice on September 7, 2015. I was told it would take two months to review. It has almost been one year now. I received a letter from Deeana Jang with the DOJ dated February 22, 2016 informing me that my complaint was referred to the US EPA and DOT. I was confused because why would two agencies investigate the same complaint? On March 7, 2016, Lillian Dorka with the US EPA OCR sent me a letter stating they had received my complaint. I have not heard anything from the US DOT. By referring my case to two different agencies, it has become diluted and confusing.

My understanding is that DeKalb County is finally planning to adopt a Title VI Policy. But the damage has already been done and has continued.

I am hereby demanding that a settlement be requested on behalf of my company for a percentage of each and every federal dollar that DeKalb County has received since my original Title VI Complaint filed in December 2009. The percentage amount needs to add up to the over $2M in damages that my firm has suffered as a result of the discrimination.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (b) (6) - Privacy or at email address (b) (6) - Privacy

Sincerely,

LCW Engineering, Inc.

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Lillian Dorka, US EPA OCR, Deputy Director
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