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## Dear Sir/Madam:

I have tried to reach Mr. John Matson. with whom I have been corresponding about the above referenced complaint. I don't won't the deadline to pass before I have answered the complaint.

As I indicated to Mr. Matson, and others who originally handled this matter, I have been totally honest. I was unaware of the law regarding the lease disclaimers. However, when I purchased the houses that were originally in question, they were repainted, and no lead paint was used. And the ones that were leased through a the Lindsay Property Management company, had the disclaimers in them, and they were forwarded to the U.S. EPA.

The only property that is now in question (1420 Addington, Toledo Ohio 43607) was leased on June 7, and again on June 7, 2009. For my ignorance of the law, I am being threatened with more than a \$31,000.00 fine. It's like a police officer stopping a motorist for running a stop sign, and after talking with him, believes that it was not intentional, and although he has a right to ticket the motorist, he chooses to issue and warning. After all, there was no accident.

As you know, the value of property national wide has been greatly devalued. And Toledo was hit harder than most cities. Five of the remaining properties that I have are without tenants, and banks are not loaning money to rehab rental property regardless of credit.

I am not asking to be excused, I am just asking to be understood. I certainly realize that the government has the power to take everything I have. And if it chooses to do so, I can't stop it. I just don't understand why it would. Does my ignorance of this provision,

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I called to ask Mr. Matson if I could receive a conference/hearing in this area. It will be extremely expensive for me to come to Chicago. I have not been able to talk to him yet, but I'll try again tomorrow.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Floyd Rose

cc: John Matson

