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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No: 22X-15-R6

(b)(6) Privacy

Jesseville, Arkansas 71949

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt and Rejection of Administrative Complaint

Dear (b)(6) Privacy

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received your complaint dated August 6, 2015, concerning Kurt Hogaboum and Village Villas Rentals' alleged failure to inspect your former residence and eliminate an infestation of bats. After careful review, the complaint is rejected and the case is closed as of the date of this letter as it does not meet the jurisdictional requirements in EPA's nondiscrimination regulation at 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 7.

The OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. To be accepted for investigation, a complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. First, it must be in writing. Second, it must describe an alleged discriminatory act that, if true, would violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations (i.e., an alleged discriminatory act based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability). Third, it must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Finally, the complaint must be filed against an applicant for, or recipient of, EPA assistance, who has allegedly committed the discriminatory act.

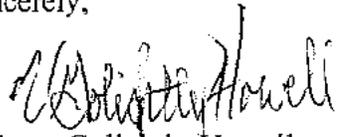
Your complaint, however, does not describe an alleged discriminatory act that may violate the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations. Additionally, neither Kurt Hogaboum nor Village Villas Rentals are recipients of or applicants for any assistance from EPA; therefore, your complaint does not fall within the OCR's jurisdiction, and we cannot accept it for investigation.

You may wish to contact the Hot Springs, Arkansas Nuisance Abatement Program regarding your concerns. The contact for this program is:

Detective Mike Brown
Nuisance Abatement
641 Malvern Avenue
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901
Tel: (501) 321-6789 #6622

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Stein at (202) 564-2088, stein.jonathan@epa.gov, or at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: Elise Packard
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