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RE: *United States v. Michael Davenport*, Case No. 17-cr-30199-SMY  
Asset IDs: 17-USP-000248, 17-USP-001079, 17-USP-001080,  
17-USP-001081 and 17-USP-001084 (\$853,210.11)  
17-CBP-000612 (\$79,000.00)  
Petition for Remission or Mitigation of Non-Owner 28 C.F.R. § 9.1 *et seq.*

Dear Madam or Sir:

It has come to our attention that you may be a victim of the mail fraud and wire fraud offenses committed by Michael S. Davenport between January 2009 and October 2016. Davenport was sentenced on March 6, 2019, to serve 84 months in prison for defrauding thousands of would-be renters and home-buyers throughout the United States.

Davenport's Santa Barbara-based business changed names several times but was known variously as MDSQ Productions LLC, Housing Standard LLC, Anchor House Financial, American Standard, American Standard Online, and Your American Standard. Court documents simply refer to the business as "American Standard."

As part of his guilty plea, Davenport admitted that American Standard posted ads on Craigslist listing certain houses for sale or rent at very favorable prices, when, in fact, the houses described in the ads did not exist. Consumers were told they would have to purchase American Standard's list of houses before they could see any additional information. Consumers were also told that the houses on American Standard's list were in "pre-foreclosure."

After consumers paid the \$199 fee, they learned that the houses on American Standard's list were not available for purchase.

As part of his sentence, Davenport was ordered to forfeit \$853,210.11 in fraud proceeds that were recovered from his credit card processing accounts, as well as \$79,000.00 in cash that was seized from him at the Bill and Hillary Clinton Airport in Little Rock, Arkansas.

If you are a victim of the offenses detailed in Davenport's criminal case, you may be eligible for remission of the amount you paid to Davenport's business(es).

A victim may be granted remission of the forfeiture of property if the victim satisfactorily demonstrates that:

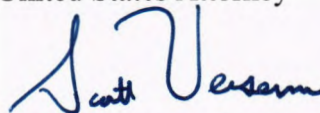
(1) A pecuniary loss of a specific amount has been directly caused by the criminal offense, or related offense, that was the underlying basis for the forfeiture, and the loss is supported by documentary evidence including invoices and receipts; (2) the pecuniary loss is the direct result of the illegal acts and is not the result of otherwise lawful acts that were committed in the course of the criminal offense; (3) the victim did not knowingly contribute to, participate in, benefit from, or act in a willfully blind manner towards the commission of the offense, or related offense, that was the underlying basis for the forfeiture; (4) the victim has not in fact been compensated for the wrongful loss of the property by the perpetrator or others; and (5) the victim does not have recourse reasonably available to other assets from which to obtain compensation for the wrongful loss of the property.

I have enclosed a petition for remission, for your use, should you believe you are entitled to be reimbursed for any loss you suffered. This form will assist us in identifying the victims and facilitate the return of some of the forfeited funds to you as a victim.

Please return the completed petition, along with your supporting documentation, no later than 60 days after receipt of this letter. The completed petition and supporting documentation should be mailed to Carmalee Korte, United States Attorney's Office, Nine Executive Drive, Fairview Heights, IL 62208. If you are represented by counsel, please have your lawyer review the enclosed forms.

Very truly yours,

STEVEN D. WEINHOFET  
United States Attorney

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Verseman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and "V".

SCOTT A. VERSEMAN  
Assistant United States Attorney

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Enclosure