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To Whom It May Concern,

AC10-21

STATE OF ILLINOIS I am writing to contest the Administrative Citation I received in April, 2010 from the limits Environmental Protection Agency. Since I received the first notice from Mr. King, I have not burned any trash on my property, or allowed any of my hired help to do so. I have not allowed any one to dump on my property. I am, however, not at the property every day. I am only there 1 to 2 days a week on average. I am also told by my neighbors that most of the illegal dumping on my property happens in the middle of the night. I have posted no dumping signs and no trespassing signs. I have also announced before my weekly auctions that there is no dumping permitted on the property, and that violators will be prosecuted. Unfortunately I cannot afford the security equipment that would catch the culprits. There has only been one fire on the property since February, 2010. That fire was set on April, 13, 2010, by some unknown person. Myself and one of my hired men showed up at the property in the afternoon to find a smoldering pile of ash. We cleaned the mess up and had it hauled away by our trash service. That fire was NOT authorized by me and was not done with my prior knowledge. I hope you will see my innocence in this matter and that I have done what I could to stop the violations. Please reconsider the

citation I have been given as this would be a terrible burden on my business and myself.

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Sincerely,

**D.** Charles Bettis

Affidavit, D. Charles Bettis, being first duly sworn, voluntarily deposes and states as follows:

- 1. Affiant is the owner of Carrollton Regional Stockyards at Rt. 1, Box 1, Carrollton, II. 62016, and has been since October of 2008.
- 2. That I have at regular intervals since taking ownership, announced before the weekly auctions, that people NOT dump furniture or other junk on the property located at Rt. 1, Box 1, Carrollton, II. 62016.
- 3. That I have never allowed this, and that it has happened only in my absence.
- 4. That since being notified by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in February, 2010, I have not burned or allowed to be burned any trash on the property at Rt. 1, Box 1, Carrollton, II. 62016.
- 5. That the fire set in April, 2010 was NOT set by me or any of my agents, and that it was set during my absence.
- 6. That I have cleaned up any ash and debris left by that fire and had it hauled away by my trash service company, Area Disposal.
- 7. That since being notified by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, I have posted signs that say "no dumping" on the property.

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D. Charles Bettis

Subscribed and Sworn to Me \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , 2010 This \_\_\_\_ t

DIANA LEMMON Notary Public - Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI St. Louis City My Commission Expires: July 20, 2013 Commission # 09474204

Affidavit, Loy Lyons, being first duly sworn, voluntarily deposes and states as follows:

1. Affiant is an auctioneer at Carrollton Regional Stockyards at Rt.1, Box 1 Carrollton, II. 62016, and has been so employed at all times pertinent hereto.

2. That Charlie Bettis has at regular intervals, since he took ownership of the property in October, 2008, announced before the weekly auctions, that people NOT dump furniture or other junk on the property located at Rt.1, Box 1, Carrollton, Il. 62016.

3. That he has never allowed this activity, and that it has happened only in his absence.

4. That since notified by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in February, 2010, he has not willfully burned or allowed to be burned any trash on the property at Rt.1, Box 1, Carrollton, Il. 62016

5. That since being notified by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency he has posted signs that say "No Dumping" on the property.

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Subscribed and Sworn to Me is <u>13</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2010 JAMIE L. SCHMIDT NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 05-30-11 This 13















