United States District Court for the District of Columbia Washington, D. C. 20001

Clyumbers of Chief Hudge Royce C. L'amberth United States District Hudge

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Mr. Carl Malamud President & CEO Public.Resource.Org 1005 Gravenstein Highway North Sebastopol, CA 95472

Dear Mr. Malamud:

This is in response to your letter of February 20, 2009, requesting a fee waiver for access to this Court's records via the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system, and authorization to release the subject data on your bulk access site.

As discussed during our meeting of April 16, 2009, I share your concern with the protection of private information in court filings. As you know, when notified of the E-Government Act violations in this Court's filings, we took immediate action to have the information redacted. However, with respect to your pending requests, I am mindful that decisions regarding the Judiciary's privacy policy and how the rules are working in practice lie properly with the Judicial Conference, which sets policy for the entire Federal Judiciary. Because your requests, in essence, seek a change in the Judiciary's privacy policy that, if granted, could resonate to other courts, I must respectfully decline your requests.

Again, I appreciate your concern that the privacy rules be implemented effectively, and assure you that we will do everything we can to protect private information in this Court's records. Thank you for your interest in our Court.

Sincerely,

Royce C. Lamberth

Chief Judge