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Subject: Hidalgo County eScofflaw Service

Dear Mr. Hamer,

It is with pleasure and sincere gratitude that I take a few moments of your time to share with you our constructive experience with your eScofflaw service. Since the approval in 2012 and implementation late 2013, Hidalgo County and its client jurisdictions have been able to recover delinquent revenue (i.e., fines and fees) in the amount of \$30,597,948.00. This is particularly important in today's current economic climate where governmental revenues are so important to the effective delivery of services to our local citizenry.

These significantly past due fines and fees were previously deemed to be uncollectable revenue and as such were not deemed to be collectable revenue that could be recognized as a current balance sheet asset. With the advent of the eScofflaw service much of this previously uncollectable revenue is now flowing into the coffers of the County and many of our client jurisdictional municipalities. Within the last four years Hidalgo County has not only collected \$29,634,018.07 in delinquent fines and fees, but also an additional \$963,929.93 in Scofflaw fees, which in turn all materially supports the County's ability to provide superior services to our local citizenry without the need for increasing local taxes, all of which contributes to the overall enhanced quality of life in our community.

We want to wish you continued success in your Company's endeavors to assist other counties as you have Hidalgo County.

Sincerely,

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