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Fraudulent Business Filings Working Group Colorado Secretary of State's Office 1700 Broadway, Suite 200 Denver, CO 80290

Re: Fraudulent Business Filings Working Group

Dear Members of the Fraudulent Business Filings Working Group:

I am writing on behalf of RELX and LexisNexis Risk Solutions in response to the Working Group's request for ideas and comments related to the Working Group's scope of work and potential future recommendations. LexisNexis Risk Solutions is a division of RELX and is the nation's leading provider of credential verification and identification services for Fortune 1000 businesses as well as government and law enforcement agencies for important uses including the detection and prevention of identity theft and fraud.

I am writing to offer as a resource to the Working Group, the expertise of Larry Benson, Senior Director of Strategic Alliances at LexisNexis Risk Solutions – Government. Along with his industry knowledge of strategies and solutions to ensure government programs are not defrauded by criminal groups, Mr. Benson is also the principal author of "Fraud of the Day," <u>www.fraudoftheday.com</u> a website dedicated to educating government officials about how criminals are defrauding government programs. He has also co-authored <u>WTF? Where's the Fraud? How to Unmask and Stop Identity Fraud's Drain on Our</u> <u>Government</u>, and <u>Data Personified, How Fraud is Changing the Meaning of Identity</u>. Mr. Benson is well positioned to provide additional context and potential solutions for the Working Group to consider as it works to identify strategies to combat rising instances of business identity theft.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments related to the work of the Fraudulent Business Filings Working Group. RELX hopes to continue to act as a resource to the Working Group during its upcoming deliberations. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me either via e-mail at generation or at generation.

Sincerely,

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