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To: [Public Comment SB22034](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] S.O.S. Mailing lists used for scams against business owners
Date: Monday, September 19, 2022 12:55:27 PM
Attachments: [Fraud - Maxus Pub Mailer.pdf](#)

Hello,

I emailed previously about the Sec of State's office selling mailing lists of Colorado businesses. These lists are used to create mailers designed to dupe business owners into paying \$130+ for a shady company, who sends out very official looking notices, into filing their Periodic Reports. I've attached just such an example I just received. I'm very confident this came from a Sec of State list because this "business" isn't registered anywhere except the S.O.S. office (this is the name I use to self-publish my novels). There are no bank accounts under this name, no business structure or office space, nothing.

These lists, which are very expensive, are used to prey on businesses: entities that have NO ability to even request removal from said lists.

This has been going on for years and years now and needs to be stopped. If someone wants to put in the man-hours to individually mine this information one business/PDF at a time, then let them. But the Secretary of State's office should not be selling these lists to anyone. They are used to harm businesses, period.

You can see from the attachment how "official" these forms appear - citing Colorado Statutes and whatnot. Bottom line is...if these scams weren't successful (i.e. lucrative), they wouldn't continue to perpetrate them. How many businesses have to pay \$130 in order to cover the cost of purchasing the database lists (https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/business/forms_main.html#DataRequests), printing, postage (letters come First Class Mail from Anaheim, Ca, 92807), and processing?

Bottom line: the database of Colorado businesses' information should not be made easily available to anyone. It harms Colorado businesses through scams and solicitations and provides zero benefit.

Please contact me if you'd like any additional examples, details, or to discuss further. As an owner of multiple businesses, I'm very interested in resolving this issue once and for all.



Thank you,

Eric Meer

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2022 – PERIODIC REPORT INSTRUCTION FORM

(Colorado LLCs)

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY WHEN COMPLETING THIS FORM. PLEASE PRINT.			
Customer ID Number F283248256	Notice Date 09/13/2022	ID Number 20161006332	Entity Start Date 01/04/2016
Business Address PM50908A AUTO 5-DIGIT 80238 7000053134 00.0223.0096 53134/1   MAXUS PUBLISHING LLC 2946 EMPORIA ST DENVER CO 80238-2908			
			Please Respond By: 10/14/2022

Colorado laws require every reporting entity in the state to timely file a periodic report every year. Failure to file the periodic report may result in the business no longer being in good standing with the State of Colorado.

CO REV. STAT. §7-90-301: “Each document that is required or permitted to be filed in the records of the secretary of state pursuant to any provision of this title or any organic statute of this state shall... contain all information required by the law of this state to be contained in the document but, unless otherwise provided by law, shall not contain other information.”

CO REV. STAT. §7-90-501(1): “Each reporting entity shall deliver to the Secretary of State, for filing pursuant to part 3 of this article, a periodic report that states the entity name of the reporting entity, the jurisdiction under the law of which the reporting entity is formed...”

If the business entity is still in use, B.C.S., a private entity, will assist for a fee in the filing of your periodic report.

B.C.S. IS NOT A GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORIZATION FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE. THE STATE OF COLORADO PERIODIC REPORT CAN BE FILED DIRECTLY THROUGH THE STATE FOR THE STATUTORY \$10 FEE.

To utilize this service, follow the steps below. B.C.S. will not disclose any information about your business to any third-party, including competitors, unless required by law. Mail the completed form with **\$130.00** in the enclosed envelope. **Please respond today!**

STEP 1. Verify the accuracy of the pre-printed business information. Make any necessary changes and complete any missing information.		
Business Name MAXUS PUBLISHING LLC	Type of Business LLC	
Formation Date 01/04/2016	Jurisdiction (State) CO	Periodic Report Month JANUARY
Principal Office Street Address 2946 EMPORIA ST, DENVER, CO 80238		
Principal Mailing Address (if different)		

STEP 2. Registered Agent (make changes where necessary)
Registered Agent Name ERIC J MEER
Registered Agent Street Address 2946 EMPORIA ST, DENVER, CO 80238
Registered Agent Mailing Address (if different)

STEP 3. PAYMENT INFORMATION Complete payment to file your periodic report.

<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$130.00 <i>Price includes state fee and B.C.S. processing fees.</i>	Please make your check payable to: B.C.S. PO Box 18285 Denver, CO 80218	Further assistance: Call (720) 204-1348 <i>All orders will be fulfilled from our corporate office in Lansing, MI</i>
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ALL B.C.S. PROCESSING FEES ARE 100% FULLY GUARANTEED.

STEP 4. I authorize an electronic signature on behalf of the limited liability company. I understand that B.C.S. is not a government agency & is not providing legal advice.		
Signature (to be signed by an officer or registered agent) **REQUIRED**	Print Name Clearly	
Title	Email Address	Phone

2022 – FORMA DE INSTRUCCIÓN PARA REPORTE PERIÓDICO

(LLCs de Colorado)

SIGAN LAS SIGUIENTES INSTRUCCIONES EXACTAMENTE CUANDO RELLENANDO ESTA FORMA. POR FAVOR IMPRIMIR.

Número de Identificación del Cliente F283248256	Fecha de Notificación 09/13/2022	Número de Carta 20161006332	Fecha de Formación 01/04/2016
Dirección del Negocio <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> MAXUS PUBLISHING LLC 2946 EMPORIA ST DENVER CO 80238-2908 </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div>			
			Por Favor Responda Por: 10/14/2022

Leyes de Colorado requieren que cada identidad reportando en el estado archive un reporte periódico en una manera oportuna cada año. Si no archivas el reporte periódico puede perder la buena reputación con el Estado de Colorado.

CO REV. STAT. §7-90-301: “Cada documento cual es requerida o permitida ser archivado en los archivos del secretario del estado en conformidad con cualquier disposición de este título o cualquier estatuto orgánico del estado tiene que... contener toda la información requerida, por la ley de este estado, contenida en el documento pero, a no ser que lo contrario sea previsto por la ley, no contendrá otra información.”

CO REV. STAT. §7-90-501(1): “Cada identidad reportando entregará al secretario del estado, para archivo, en conforme a parte 3 de este artículo, un reporte periódico el cual establece el nombre de la entidad reportando, la jurisdicción bajo la ley de la cual la entidad reportando es formada.”

Si el negocio comercial todavía está en uso, B.C.S., una entidad privada, le asistirá, por una cuota, en archivar su reporte periódico.

B.C.S. NO ES UNA AGENCIA DEL GOBIERNO Y NO TIENE AUTORIZACIÓN CON ALGUNA AGENCIA DEL GOBIERNO PARA PROVEER ESTE SERVICIO. EL REPORTE PERIÓDICO DEL ESTADO DE COLORADO SE PUEDEN ARCHIVAR DIRECTAMENTE CON EL ESTADO POR TARIFA LEGAL DE \$10.

Para utilizar este servicio, siga los pasos a continuación. B.C.S. no revelará su información sobre su negocio a terceros, incluyendo competidores, a menos que lo exija la ley. Envíe el formulario completo con **\$130.00** en el sobre adjunto. **¡Por favor responda hoy!**

PASO 1. Verifica la precisión de la información comercial preimpresa. Haga cualesquiera cambios necesarios y complete cualquier información que falte.		
Nombre del Negocio MAXUS PUBLISHING LLC	Tipo de Negocio LLC	
Fecha de Formación 01/04/2016	Jurisdicción (Estado) CO	Mes del Reporte Periódico JANUARY
Dirección de la Oficina Principal 2946 EMPORIA ST, DENVER, CO 80238		
Dirección Postal Principal (si diferente)		

PASO 2. Agente Registrado (hacer cambios donde sea necesario)		
Nombre del Agente Registrado ERIC J MEER		
Dirección del Agente Registrado 2946 EMPORIA ST, DENVER, CO 80238		
Dirección Postal del Agente Registrado (si diferente)		

PASO 3. INFORMACIÓN SOBRE PAGO ~~Completa el pago para archivar su reporte periódico.~~

<input type="checkbox"/> ADJUNTE CHEQUE PARA \$130.00 Precio incluye tarifa estatal y la cuota de procesamiento de B.C.S.	Por favor haga cheques a nombre de: B.C.S. PO Box 18285 Denver, CO 80218	Para más asistencia: Llamen a (720) 204-1348 Todos los pedidos serán completadas desde nuestra oficina corporativa en Lansing, MI
TODOS DE LOS CUOTAS DE PROCESAMIENTO DE B.C.S. SON COMPLETAMENTE GARANTIZADOS.		

PASO 4. Yo autorizo una firma electrónica en nombre del LLC anteriormente citado y yo entiendo que B.C.S. no es una agencia del gobierno y no está proporcionando asesoramiento legal.		
Firma (tiene que ser firmado por un gerente o un oficial registrado) **REQUERIDA**	Imprima Claramente	
Título	Correo Electrónico	Teléfono