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January 20, 1993

Dear Ms. Gregoire,

Congratulations on your election. I listened to your campaign comments regarding having to defend the state against an ever increasing number of civil suits with much interest.

As you will note from the enclosed, I am one of those people who has been forced to seek redress.

I am being forcibly blacklisted by local WSLCB agents from any employment position, even a being janitor, in anyplace of business that has a liquor license.

I was sentenced to jail for one year for the misdemeanor crime of maintaining and freely giving friends and family beer and wine without a valid license or banquet permit my residence at the Monastery Church back in 1980 . . . I maintained that my private rectory residence was not applicable to the provisions of RCW 66.44.270. Nonetheless, upon the testimony of **Wes Parks** and his consorts who schemed their way into my home, the courts held that even my bedroom was a public place and refused to consider the merits of a chaplain's preferred rites of sacramental fellowship in his rectory and consequently convicted me.

Contrary to media reports, no criminal charges were ever filed, which involved serving minors. After my conviction the WSLCB conveniently promulgated WAC 314-18-020 (c) which now reads; "Is not intended to refer to or be applicable to an event, affair or occasion held in the privacy of a person's home"[filed 8/4/82]

Twelve years later, agent-in-charge **Wes Parks**, still will not let his totalitarian prejudice of the past elapse. He and his agents have put words out in the community that they wish George Freeman was still in jail because I filed charges against the Liquor Board, that they are hoping to bust me and ultimately, that they ran me out of town after my last employment contract with Pacific Occidental Partnerships d/b/a/ "Phantom/Pacific Pasta Kitchen" 322 5th Ave. Seattle, WA.

My problem is of a reputation which I feel is undeserving notwithstanding the fact that I've been denied opportunity and business because of the misconduct of a vengeful old man. I am a builder and I would like to tend to my work unimpeded.

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March 15, 1993

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Re: Your Claim
DRM# 19500088

Dear Mr. Freeman:

This letter follows on our telephone conversation of March 12, 1993, at your request.

It appears from our investigation of the circumstances surrounding your claims against the Liquor Control Board that no tortious conduct on the part of the Board has occurred.

Your claim is respectfully denied.

Very truly yours

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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cc: Division of Risk Management



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April 26, 1993

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Dear Mr. Freeman:

By way of introduction, I am an Assistant Attorney General assigned to represent the Liquor Control Board. Carter Mitchell, the Board's Public Information Officer, has referred your letter dated March 8, 1993, to me for response. I have prepared the following response based on information gained through speaking with Board employees and examining Board files.

It is my understanding that the Board has no official or unofficial interest concerning your employment in a liquor licensed premises in any capacity other than that of manager or licensee. Moreover, the Board has, of course, no interest in, nor jurisdiction over, your employment by businesses that do not possess liquor licenses. The Board also does not and has not sanctioned the discussion of you in connection with any matter not directly involving Liquor Control Board matters. Therefore, if comments were made by Board employees that did not involve official Board matters, those comments were made with neither the knowledge of, nor the approval of the Liquor Control Board, and were made outside the scope of that person's employment with the Board.

As to your qualifications as a liquor licensee or manager of a licensed premises, the Board is not in receipt of an application in your name. Therefore, the Board cannot make a determination as to whether that application would be approved. The Board does, however, express a certain amount of concern based on your violation history. Also, as you may know, you are currently listed on the Board's Master Denial List for the non-issuance of a Banquet Permit. In any event, the Board is not in receipt of an application from you for a liquor license, so it has not conducted the requisite background investigation and will not make a commitment for the issuance or non-issuance of a liquor license to you.

Additionally, you have asked that the Board inform the Governor's Office of any contact with persons not employed by the State of Washington, which contact regards yourself. The Board will, pursuant to RCW 66.08.028, inform the Governor's Office of inquiries or statements regarding you, but that will be done only at the request of that office.

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You have also asked that the Board reassure the Governor's Office that "no further acts of intimidation will occur." It is the Board's position that no acts of intimidation have occurred in regards to this or any other matter. The Board and its employees operate in strict compliance with the laws and regulations of the State of Washington, and all alleged violations of those laws or regulations which have been reported to the Board, have been thoroughly investigated by the Board or some other agency as appropriate.

The bottom line is this: the Liquor Control Board presently has licensees at over 12,000 locations with countless persons employed by those licensees. The Board takes little official interest in the employees of licensees so long as those persons do not violate the liquor laws and do not have a financial interest (entitled to ten percent or more of the net profits) in the licensed premises. So, when you seek employment at a liquor licensed premises, the Board's only concern is that you do not violate the liquor laws of the state and that you are not a licensee or manager of the licensed premises without prior Board approval. Beyond that, the Board has no position whatever on your employment at liquor licensed premises or any other place of business. And, if you would like to operate a liquor licensed premises in Washington State, you must, of course, apply and qualify for that license.

I would hope that this letter will serve to dispel any misgivings you may have concerning the Board's official position with regards to you or your employment in any capacity other than as a manager or owner of any liquor licensed premises in the State of Washington. The Board's position will be made available to the Governor's Office insofar as a copy of this letter will be forwarded to Susan Goodwin, Office of the Governor.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Board
Gary Gilbert
Wes Parks
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May 8, 1993

Dear Mr. Mentzer

Thank you for your letter of April 26, 1993 with copy to Ms. Goodwin of the Governor's staff.

1. In your response, you omitted responding to the following facts regarding my being ordered off the premises of my last job?
2. I anticipated from you, discussion and rationale under the law for the command from the WSLCB: "NO FURTHER PARTICIPATION OF FREEMAN IN ANY CAPACITY IN THIS BUSINESS AND PREMISES."
3. Also, rationale for the intimidating procedure which was exhibited by Wes Parks towards my former employers over the number of discussions and meetings regarding Freeman's employment and further, compelled to have its attorney file copies of my employment contract, copies of my pay checks from California and further demanding two (2) separate notarized affidavits on July 9th, and again on September 12th, 1990, some sixty five days later . . .
4. Would you clarify for me and others the sections of RCW, WAC and/or WSLCB policy's which allow or call for these kinds of procedural mandates?
5. Upon being fully informed of the terms of employment by any future employer, can and will the WSLCB still demand production of
 - a. Numerous personal interviews
 - b. Legal affidavits, via costly attorney fees
 - c. My personal pay records
 - d. My Employment contract
 - e. Promulgate directives wherein my employment other than that of a proprietor or manager, was or will be, prohibited as the enclosed exhibits reveal?

Eric, I really believe that under the scrutiny of the Executive and Legislative branches, your clients will in the future, comport to reasonable behavior . . . your reply letter's focus need not be on future performance, its legal justification for the past bad conduct that we need resolved.

6. Was the behavior of Wes Parks, and further, the rubber stamped endorsement of his actions by the board, undertaken under state statues, policies, and is the basis for his conduct, accorded with the aforementioned laws of this state?

I await your learned opinion, please counselor.

To the future,

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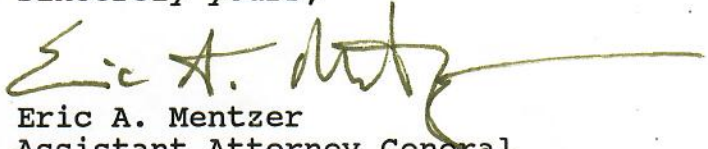
cc: Executive/ Legislative offices

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Additionally that same regulation provides that the Board may obtain written information and/or documentation which affects the operation of the licensed premises. WAC 314-12-035(1). In conclusion, therefore, the Board in your case was authorized to ask for the documents and the other information for which it did ask. And in future cases where the Board has concerns about the ownership or operation of the premises, the Board is authorized to and can be expected to request the same type of information.

I would hope that the above information addresses your concerns. Although the Governor's office has not requested that I do so, I will again forward a copy of this correspondence to Ms. Goodwin at the Governor's office.

Sincerely yours,



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