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January 24, 2003

The Honorable Ed Alter  
Utah State Treasurer  
215 State Capitol Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-1202

Mr. Alter,

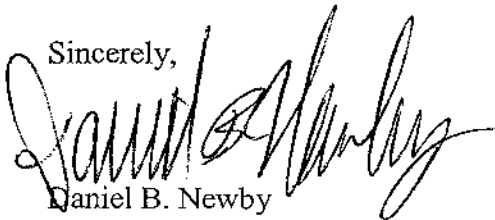
In the letter I sent to you dated November 26, 2002, I requested a response to several allegations regarding the violation of Utah State Code 24-1-16(4) enacted by Initiative B. According to a letter from the State Auditor dated January 23, 2003, the State of Utah, several courts, and various county governments have subverted the intent of the law.

As indicated in my previous letter to you, it was publicly alleged during the November 20, 2002, Law Enforcement Interim Committee hearing, that your office received appropriations of \$100,000 in FY 2001 and \$200,000 in FY 2002 to implement the new law and manage the disposition of all forfeited property. Per the aforementioned letter from the State Auditor, no forfeited property has been transferred to your office.

**Did your office, in fact, receive the appropriations mentioned? If so, were they expended to the intended purpose? Please detail the specific accomplishments resulting from the expenditure of these funds.**

Your timely response to this letter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Daniel B. Newby  
Director of Operations & Development

Enclosures: Handout (2 pp.)

cc: Auston G. Johnson, Utah State Auditor

