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Sherrie Jarnu
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Re: Jehovah's Witnesses

Dear Mrs. Jarnu:

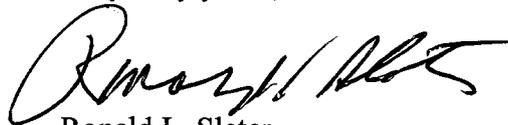
We represent the interests of Jehovah's Witnesses with respect to their public ministry in Florida. We have been advised that the Harbor Winds Homeowners' Association has adopted a "No Solicitation" policy for the community and is under the impression that this applies to the pure speech activity of our ministers. We are writing to inform you of a United States Supreme Court case that affects the Association's application of this policy to Jehovah's Witnesses.

Jehovah's Witnesses seek to speak to people about the Bible and offer Bible-based literature, at no cost, to those who are interested. As part of their public ministry, they speak to individuals at their homes and offer free home Bible studies. They do not go from house to house to seek contributions, nor do they engage in sales activity.

On June 17, 2002, the United States Supreme Court in an 8-1 decision held that the public ministry of Jehovah's Witnesses receives full constitutional protection. *Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. v. Village of Stratton*, 536 U.S. 150 (2002). As the streets within your association are public, Jehovah's Witnesses are permitted to go from door to door to engage in their constitutionally protected free speech activity.

Therefore, we have advised our ministers accordingly. We trust you will ensure that there will be no future interference with their ministry. If you have any comments or concerns about this matter, please have the Association's attorney correspond with us. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Ronald L. Slater
Associate General Counsel

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