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TO: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS

FROM: METRO PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

REGARDING:

ATTORNEY GENERAL PATRICK MORRISEY'S MISGUIDED AND  
ABUSIVE LAWSUIT AGAINST METRO PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Metro Property Management provides management services for a number of high quality non student and student apartment units. Metro Property Management is a West Virginia home grown business success story. Formed in 1991 by two brothers as a family business, it has grown to provide management services and housing for many many West Virginia students and families over the years. Metro positively changed the housing market and raised the bar of excellence everywhere it does business through clean, safe, first-class apartments.

Metro Property Management's policies and procedures have been evaluated and approved by lawyers, courts, and have been recognized as valid throughout the years. These are the same practices that West Virginia University uses. Metro Property Management is confident that the Court process will vindicate the company. Metro Property Management is extremely disappointed that "Anti-Business" and "Anti-West Virginia" Attorney General Patrick Morrisey would unfairly attack this West Virginia small business in such a brutal and misleading way. In every tenant relationship the tenant read the lease and agreed to its terms. Our tenants are smart, intelligent people who had a wide variety of choices of housing. In each case, they considered our leases, and chose to enjoy living at the facilities we manage. Attorney General Morrisey must believe that West Virginians are unable to think for themselves. We know differently and are confident that a West Virginia jury will recognize the fairness of our lease terms and the wonderful services we provide.

The same practices at issue in the litigation are customary at West Virginia University, and in the industry, and most states in the Country. The suggestions made by Morrisey regarding habitability and the appropriateness of fees are ridiculous, self-serving, and in some instances lies. – WHY HAS HE NOT GONE AFTER WVU TO STOP THE SAME PRACTICES? The Attorney General's office has refused our efforts to work with him to resolve these disputes, refused our offers to allow him to approve leases and comment, and simply ignored phone calls and messages to resolve this alleged dispute. Metro Property Management is being attacked for its success while other entities with very similar provisions in their leases – including WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY are ignored. While the people of West Virginia are magnificent, the scenery is beautiful, our Governor is marvelous, and our legislature committed to improving our state, Patrick Morrisey wants to destroy business in West Virginia and left unchecked will do so. Metro Property Management is concerned that they and other landlords and property managers are being used to address West Virginia University's vacancy problem with these public-private partnerships and Morrisey's future political aspirations. Metro Property Management is confident that once information is evaluated fairly that it will be cleared with a finding of no wrongdoing.

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