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Dear Mr. Rogers,

I am the attorney to the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland. Commissioner James Moran recently received an email from you and has requested that I respond.

Your email identified Queen Anne's County as a "sanctuary jurisdiction" and alleged that we are violating federal law. I have also noted that your organization's website has identified the County as a "sanctuary stronghold." You are incorrect in all of these matters.

Queen Anne's County has never adopted or supported "sanctuary" policies, has not adopted any ordinances or resolutions endorsing or advocating such policies and has not in any manner concealed, harbored or shielded illegal immigrants. We are not currently and have not in the past violated federal law as regards immigration law nor has the County required or encouraged any employee to violate federal law.

Although your false allegation that Queen Anne's County has violated immigration law is per se libelous, at this point, we would simply request that you correct your designation of this County as a "sanctuary jurisdiction", remove the allegation from your website that the County is a "sanctuary stronghold" and cease and desist from any further such factually inaccurate characterizations.

Sincerely,

Patrick E. Thompson, Esq.

County Attorney

CC: Board of County Commissioners