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Alert Regarding Deceptive Business Filings

State Capitol - Secretary of State Max Maxfield wants to warn Wyoming business owners of a deceptive solicitation form that has surfaced.

Businesses have received a form that appears to be an “Annual Minutes Disclosure Statement”. The form seems to insinuate that it is to be filled out and a fee paid in order for the businesses to comply with state and national laws. These forms may even reference “state statutes” or “piercing the corporate veil”.

The form may:

- Appear similar to other government forms,
- Contain an official-looking seal,
- Refer to a statute or quote other laws,

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- Imply that failing to return the form and pay a fee may place your company in jeopardy, may “pierce the corporate veil” or may cause you to be in noncompliance with the State,
- Contain a “Corp Number” or “Corporate Identification Number” from our office and may even reference your date of incorporation.

Forms of this type have been received in several other states including Colorado and are now beginning to surface in Wyoming. “Nearly a year ago my office notified Wyoming businesses of this scam hitting other states, including nearby Colorado. Today I want to warn those same businesses that forms are currently being received by Wyoming businesses. That form is not from my office and does not need to be filed contrary to any indication or insinuation contained in that form,” Secretary Maxfield stated.

Secretary Maxfield advises any business that receives a form that seems questionable to contact his office immediately by emailing compliance@wyo.gov or by calling 307-777-7370.