

## **ATTENTION: ALL SUBSCRIBERS TO JOHNSON STRATEGIES, LLC**

After providing a link to the anonymous letter referenced in **End Note # 3** of the blog posted April 2, 2015, I was asked to remove the letter from the internet and from my online library by Mr. John Lavender. While the letter impugned activities of the water extraction industry generally, it made specific accusations towards Mr. Lavender, owner of Insurance Fire Water Restorations, LLC, who, along with myself and others, testified during a House Workshop on Assignment of Benefits (AOB).

My intent in posting the anonymous letter was threefold: one, to draw out its' writer for more information about abuses of AOB; two, to continue providing a complete library of "all" documents that pertain to this important subject, and; three, to further illustrate the large public response to both the workshops and my two most recent reports on AOB titled: "The Woods Are On Fire" and "An Ugly Iceberg!"

In the End Note linking to the anonymous letter I stated the following.

*"Along with others, including lawmakers, the media, Cohen & Battisti law firm and the IRS Criminal Investigations unit, I received a copy of an anonymous memo from someone claiming to be the "Remediation Cockroach." It was ostensibly written by a small water extractor fed up with dishonest practitioners of his trade; including those he claims lied during legislative hearings. I don't take anonymous missives seriously, but...you can read it [here](#) if you want. If the author wants to send me facts, supporting documentation, pictures, whatever; I'm willing to listen and publish that which I can verify; but, he/she must identify him or herself. NOTE: Though I will never reveal your identity to anyone, neither will I publish as fact unsupported accusations from anonymous sources."*

In retrospect, merely acknowledging the accusations were "unsupported" and that I didn't take them "seriously", was not enough. It was not responsible for me to publish an anonymous letter without having verified its' accusations.

And so, I apologize to Mr. Lavender and IFW for that error in judgment.

The anonymous letter has been taken down and this explanation and apology has been posted in its place.

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