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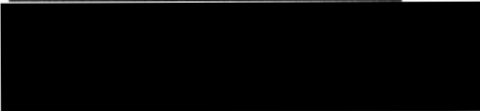
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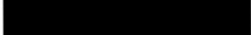
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October 14, 2016

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL



Re: Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

Dear 

On July 28, 2016 my Office received your petition under Ala. Code §13A-11-61.3 regarding a possible violation of Alabama law by the Birmingham Airport Authority. Specifically, you alleged that the Birmingham Airport Authority posted "Ground Transportation Rules and Regulations" prohibiting weapons on the taxi driver break room door at the Birmingham-Shuttleworth International Airport.

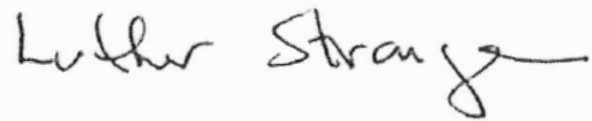
My Office's investigation confirmed that the Birmingham Airport Authority posted the sign. I asked the Birmingham Airport Authority to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons. Our investigation revealed that taxi companies must agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the airport as a condition of operating at the airport. The "no guns" provision is part of the rules and regulations that you or your taxi company has voluntarily agreed to follow. Alabama's firearm law does not affect the ability of political subdivisions to negotiate arms-length agreements with private parties. *See, e.g.,* Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(g)(2)(political subdivision may regulate firearm possession by employees).

Because the Birmingham Airport Authority is compliant with Alabama law, I have determined that there is no further action required under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3.

A redacted copy of this letter will be posted to my Office's website, in compliance with the statutory requirement under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(f)(3).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luther Strange". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.

Luther Strange
Attorney General

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