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Dear Mr. Snyder:

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me regarding the above subject matter.

As I explained, Chelsea Covington is a female living in a neighboring county who advocates for the ability of females to go topless in public. She has written to this Office as well as the Ocean City Police Department asking for our opinion on the legality of this behavior. Her argument is essentially: If men can go shirtless, Equal Protection requires that women be allowed to go topless too.

I have examined the Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Law Article, Section 11-107 Indecent Exposure, Section 10-201 Disturbing the public peace and disorderly conduct, the Commissioner's charging language (and Notes) and relevant case law. I desire the guidance of your Office and therefore am formally requesting that you opine on the issue. During our recent conversation you indicated that an opinion letter would take approximately three months to complete.

I appreciate your consideration and thank you in advance for the time and effort that you and your associates will invest in this issue.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With best regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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