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Hon. Kay Ivey  
Office of the Governor  
600 Dexter Avenue  
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Hon. Steve Marshall  
Office of the Attorney General  
501 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Governor Ivey and General Marshall:

Recently, I filed a lawsuit in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia seeking to have declared unconstitutional Va. Code. Ann. §32.1-267(A), which required persons applying for a marriage license in Virginia to state their "race," using unscientific, highly controversial, misleading, useless, and tainted categories reflecting historical American repression of non-white persons. The judge found the requirement to be unconstitutional and ordered the state to drop it. The case was not appealed. You can find the complaint, orders, and other documents relating to the lawsuit on my firm's website at < [www.robinhoodesq.com](http://www.robinhoodesq.com) / Va. Marriage License / Case Filings >.

Virginia is one of only eight states that impose this requirement by statute. Your state, unfortunately, is another. These statutes represent remnants of segregationist policies designed to prevent marriage between white persons and non-white persons.

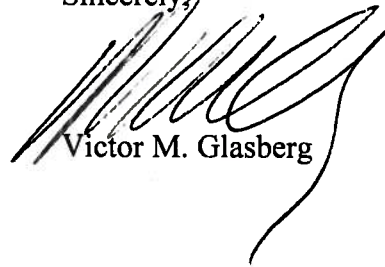
I am writing to you to ask that you take formal steps in aid of getting the legislature to remove this requirement from your state code. I ask that you advise me within three weeks of what has been done, or will be done and when, along these lines, and whether and when might expect a legislative result. I seek to

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avoid litigation of the sort that was just completed in Virginia, as it amounts to a waste of time and public resources.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor M. Glasberg". The signature is stylized with several overlapping loops and a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

Victor M. Glasberg