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**AG Paxton Issues Consumer Alert on Misleading Homestead
Tax Exemption Offers**

AUSTIN – Attorney General Ken Paxton today warned consumers to beware of businesses that are sending misleading letters to Texans offering a “designation of homestead” if they pay a fee. Counties make the standard homestead tax exemption available for free to property owners.

To date, the Consumer Protection Division of the attorney general’s office has received more than 100 complaints from individuals who received solicitations for these designations and, in some cases, sent back money for a homestead exemption.

“My office is actively reviewing all of the complaints and we will take whatever legal steps are necessary to stop unlawful activity by any company trying to take advantage of Texans,” Attorney General Paxton said. “I urge anyone who has received a solicitation offering a ‘designation of homestead’ that they believe is deceptive to please call my office’s consumer hotline at 800-621-0508 and report it.”

Texas consumers can also always report suspicious or fraudulent activity by filing a complaint with the attorney general’s office online at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cpd/file-a-consumer-complaint>.

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