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Counselor Van Winkle,

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 2, 2021, in which you take a few exceptions to my comments in the recent "Orthos vs Leopold" video. Over the forty-seven minutes, I counter a multitude of misleading and false statements within a thirteen-page Xylem presentation that I imagine was made widely available to its employees, sales agents, and potential customers.

To my knowledge, this Xylem presentation was created in 2012, some 10 years ago now. Over this time, incalculable reputational damage has been done to Orthos Liquid Systems, Inc. (ORTHOS) due to the falsehoods, perhaps intentionally, presented. Regardless, ORTHOS has never deemed it necessary to send a "lawyer letter" such as yours.

In the spirit of honorable competitiveness, ORTHOS has taken down the YouTube video and I have also removed it from my LinkedIn page.

In like turn, we ask that your office recall all copies of the presentation. Further, we also request that you mount a sign on all of Xylem's misleading nozzle underdrain models, to include the one at your Zelienople facility (see presentation, Page 9), that reads, "This model does not accurately represent nozzle underdrain performance and design by Orthos Liquid Systems, Inc."

ORTHOS looks forward to your reciprocal and prompt cooperation.

Yours truly,



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