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Hon. Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Mayor
P.O. Box 652
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Dear Mayor Riley,

I represent the Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc.


The City of Charleston is maintaining a cross in front of Fire Station 12. It cross conveys a message of endorsement of religion to the general public, in violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

We appreciate that the City previously removed a creche display from this same venue. But the cross remains, it has been there a long time, and we are ready to take action to get it removed.

Please cause this cross to be removed immediately, and officially inform Station 16 that it shall not be displayed anywhere about its premises and that any city employee violating this command will be dismissed.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please let us hear from you by May 14.

Very truly yours,


George Daly

Cc: Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc.