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ATTORNEY GENERAL

DIVISION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE HEALTH CARE BUREAU

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## VIA EMAIL

Mr. Abdullah Sabyah Rightangled 1601 Trinity Street, Bldg. B Austin, TX 78712

## **Re: CEASE AND DESIST NOTIFICATION**

Dear Mr. Sabyah:

The New York State Office of the Attorney General ("OAG") is extremely concerned by the manner in which Rightangled's website makes COVID-19 home test kits available for purchase by U.S. consumers. *See* <a href="https://www.rightangled.co/products/coronavirus-test">https://www.rightangled.co/products/coronavirus-test</a>. Your website sells these products for home use and ships them to U.S. citizens although, as of the date of this letter, the U.S. FDA has not approved any COVID-19 tests for home use.

The 2019 novel coronavirus poses serious consequences to public health, and consumers are concerned as to how they can best protect themselves and their families. Your company's sale of unapproved home test kits defrauds New York consumers and may mislead them as to whether they have contracted COVID-19. Given the contagious quality of this disease, the diagnostic results from your company's unapproved home test kits may lead consumers to take inadequate quarantine measures and ultimately cause more infections and deaths. Therefore, any sale of test kits that are not approved by the U.S. FDA to New York consumers for home use violates New York law.

You are hereby advised to immediately cease and desist from making misleading claims and selling unauthorized test kits as they violate New York's consumer protection statutes, Executive Law § 63(12) and General Business Law Article 22-A §§ 349 and 350, which prohibit fraudulent and deceptive business practices and false advertising.

Within the next **ten business days**, please contact the undersigned to confirm that you have so complied. Your failure to comply with this directive may result in further action by this office. Please be advised that the Office of the Attorney General is authorized pursuant to Executive Law § 63(12) and General Business Law Article 22-A to bring suit to enjoin any

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deceptive acts and practices, and to seek restitution, damages, and penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation (§ 350-d).

Very truly yours,

<u>/s/ Lisa Landau</u> Lisa Landau Chief, Health Care Bureau