

**Date:** [Insert Date]

**To:** [Recipient Name/Department]

**From:** [Your Name/Legal Department]

**Subject:** ADVISORY: Copyleft Contamination and Source Code Disclosure Obligations

Dear [Name],

This letter serves as a formal advisory regarding the identification of "Copyleft" or "Strong Reciprocal" open-source software licenses within the following project/product: **[Insert Project Name]**.

### **1. Nature of the Risk**

Our internal audit has identified the use of software components governed by licenses such as the GNU General Public License (GPL) or the Affero General Public License (AGPL). These licenses contain "copyleft" provisions.

### **2. Source Code Disclosure Obligations**

Under the terms of these licenses, the distribution of our software containing these components may trigger a legal obligation to:

- Release our proprietary source code to the public or to recipients of the software.
- Permit third parties to modify and redistribute our proprietary code.
- Relinquish certain intellectual property rights and trade secrets contained within the codebase.

### **3. Required Actions**

To mitigate legal and commercial risks, the following steps must be taken immediately:

- **Cease Distribution:** Suspend any further distribution of the affected software until compliance is verified.
- **Technical Isolation:** Determine if the copyleft components can be dynamically linked or isolated via APIs to prevent "contamination" of the proprietary code.
- **Alternative Sourcing:** Evaluate replacing the copyleft components with proprietary code or software under permissive licenses (e.g., MIT, Apache, or BSD).

### **4. Conclusion**

Failure to adhere to these licensing requirements may result in copyright infringement claims, loss of proprietary control over our software, and reputational damage. Please provide a timeline for the remediation of these issues by [Insert Date].

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]

[Your Title]