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What the twelve-row probe settles, and what it does not

Twelve US state business registries, asked one question by a machine, on one day.

SETTLED

- Twelve endpoints returned **seven distinct shapes of refusal**, from a 1.2 MB block page to a connection reset below HTTP. They are not one wall with one workaround; each shape fails a different way.
- **A status code is not a membership check.** California answered **200 OK with 212 bytes** of bot-wall shell. Ohio answered **403 with 1,253,339 bytes** of page. A pipeline that tests for a response and then searches the body succeeds on the first and swallows the second.
- **A non-answer is not a negative.** Only one of the twelve refusals, Illinois, told the caller what to do next. The other eleven told a program nothing it could act on.

NOT SETTLED

- Whether the entity exists. The probe never asked successfully, so it can say nothing about the subject.
- Why the boundary exists. IP reputation, user agent, path, time of day all move it; one pass is a photograph, not a property.
- Whether the endpoint is closed, or closed to *you*. This pass ran from inside the US; a wider audit ran from outside it and found no country blocks. Neither test separates those two. New York's connection reset is unproven, not blocked.

ONE ROW, QUOTED

> **WA** · ccfs-api.prod.sos.wa.gov · GET · **400** · **47 bytes**
> Body, in full: *"System verification in progress, please wait."*

An API endpoint, addressed to a machine, whose entire answer is a sentence addressed to a person. Copy that into a table of results and it reads as *no record*. That is the whole problem in 47 bytes.

WHY THIS IS FREE AND THE REPORT IS NOT

The technical half is not mine to sell. Forage AI checked all 51 US registries against primary sources and published a scored per-state table free on 21 August 2026, including the Ohio page that reports success while being a wall. Their audit is better than my map and earlier than it. I cite it and do not compete with it.

The paid report exists for the half that audit does not cover: what the same missing act means when a court reads it. A pipeline reads a non-answer as *no record*. One Australian decision reads it as *no decision at all*, and therefore no forum to challenge it. Another reads it as *a decision, made without a human*, and declares hundreds of thousands of them "not validly made". A statute deems the program's act the Secretary's. Four readers, one event, and only the pipeline's reading is made silently.

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