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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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June 7, 2011

Mr. Joshua Jones  
FOIA Officer  
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500 South Second Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

RE: FOIA Pre-authorization Request – 2011 PAC 14046

Dear Mr. Jones:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Office of the Illinois Attorney General of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information under section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f) (West 2009 Supp.), as amended by Public Act 96-1378, effective July 29, 2010. On May 09, 2011, [REDACTED] requested electronic correspondence relating to certain Requests for Review previously filed with the Public Access Counselor. The Office has identified one responsive email and seeks preauthorization to withhold that email under section 7(1)(f).

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying "[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of a public body."

**DETERMINATION**

The Office's use of the exemption in section 7(1)(f) to withhold the email is **approved**. This email was sent to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the purpose of mediation in order to resolve several pending Requests for Review, and this document was used to formulate both the Department's actions and the actions of the Office. Accordingly, we have determined that the Office has sustained its initial burden of demonstrating that this email is exempt under section 7(1)(f).

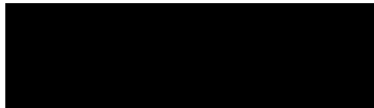
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If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 814-2086. This correspondence shall serve to close the matter.

Very truly yours,



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