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RE: Pre-authorization Request – 2010 PAC 8764

Dear Ms. Dada-Olley:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Office of the Governor of its intention to deny certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

On June 30, 2010, [REDACTED] requested copies of any correspondence between Alexi Giannoulis, Mark Kirk, or LeAlan M. Jones or any of their governmental or political representatives, and the Office of the Governor from January 2001 to the present. Thereafter, [REDACTED] agreed to narrow the scope of his request and the Office of the Governor identified documents responsive to the narrowed request.

In its written notice, the Office of the Governor asserted that it intended to redact a portion of one email exchange under Section 7(1)(c). The proposed redaction contains information regarding an individual's engagement to be married.

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying "[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). The exemption defines "[u]nwarranted invasion of personal

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privacy" as "the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." *Id.*

The Office of the Governor's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) is hereby approved. We have determined that the disclosure of information regarding an individual's engagement to be married would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). This type of information is highly personal and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information.

The Office of the Governor may provide the redacted records to the requester in accordance with this letter.

If you have any questions, please call me at 312-814-5206. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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