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Via E-mail

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RE: Pre-authorization Request – 2010 PAC 8833

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)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

On July 19, 2010, Ray Gibson of the *Chicago Tribune* requested copies of reports, agency documents, reviews or correspondence regarding the state review of the Cook County Workforce Investment Board or its supervision by the President's Office of Employment Training.

In its written notice, the Office of the Governor asserted that it intends to withhold one email exchange between government employees in which a communications strategy is formulated. The public body asserts that none of the responsive documents were publicly cited or identified by the Governor.

Section 7(1)(f) allows withholding of:

[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda or other documents in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall

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not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.

5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). The Office of the Governor's use of the Section 7(1)(f) exemption with respect to the email exchange is approved. After reviewing this email exchange, we have determined that it is a document in which opinions are expressed or policies or actions are formulated and, thereby, falls within the definition of Section 7(1)(f). This email exchange contains a government employee's proposed communications strategy and expresses an opinion about the significance of a news article. The Office of the Governor also asserted that the responsive document was not publicly cited or identified by the Governor.

The Office of the Governor may withhold the requested record 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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