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RE: Pre-authorization Request – 2010 PAC 9371

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.

Monique Garcia of the *Chicago Tribune* requested a copy of Gov. Pat Quinn's appointment schedule/calendar as well as his travel schedule/calendar for March 22, 2010 to August 22, 2010."

In its written notice, the Office of the Governor asserted that it intended to redact several specific schedule items that "reference personal medical information" pursuant to Section 7(1)(c).

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 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*.

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The Office of the Governor's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to this limited redaction of several specific schedule items that relate to personal medical information is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). The redacted information is highly personal and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information.

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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