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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. John Costello
FOIA Officer
Office of the Attorney General
500 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706-1705

RE: Pre-Authorization Requests – 2010 PAC 8070, 8071

Dear Mr. Costello:

We have received and reviewed the written notices from the Office of the Attorney General (Office) of its intent to deny disclosure of certain documents as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). The Office's written notices relate to two FOIA requests from [redacted] relating to accessibility complaints involving Dollar General Stores.

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from disclosure 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 the public body." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

The Office's use of the Section 7(1)(f) exemption with regard to the documents in question is **approved**. According to the Office, the documents in question are staff communications in which opinions are expressed in the course of formulating a final action. There is no evidence that any of these documents has been publicly cited and identified by the Attorney General. As such, the documents in question are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 793-0865. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor
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By: Sara Gadola Gallagher
Deputy Public Access Counselor

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