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Sunny Clark
Freedom of Information Officer
Department of Central Management Services
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401 South Spring Street
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RE: Pre-authorization Request – 2010 PAC 9483

Dear Ms. Clark:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Department of Central Management Services (Department) 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.

[redacted] requested, *inter alia,* "[a]ll correspondence including email, between Ms. [Christine] Cegelis and the Governor's Office for the period of July 1, 2009 to present and concerning the Department of Corrections MGT PUSH Program."

The Department identified one email correspondence (2 pages) responsive to [redacted] FOIA request. In its written notice, the Department asserted that it intended to withhold the email correspondence under Section 7(1)(f).

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 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 Department's use of the Section 7(1)(f) exemption with regard to the email correspondence is approved. After reviewing the email correspondence, we have determined that the Department has met its initial burden to show that the withheld record constitutes preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations or other information in which opinions are expressed or policies or actions are formulated and thereby falls within the definition of Section 7(1)(f).

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

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

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