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Lisa Weitekamp
Freedom of Information Officer
Illinois Department of Corrections
1301 Concordia Court
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9277

RE: Pre-Authorization Request — 2011 PAC 13447
Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Weitekamp:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information pursuant to Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended. On March 23, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to IDOC seeking "several pieces of information under the Freedom of Information Act." In its written notice, IDOC seeks our approval to withhold a document pursuant to Section 7(1)(f) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f)).

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection 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." *Id.*

Determination

IDOC's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(f) to withhold the document is approved. Based on our review of the document, we have determined that this document is a preliminary draft subject to revision before being released. In addition, IDOC has advised us that the Acting Director has not publicly cited or identified the document. Therefore, IDOC has met its initial burden of demonstrating that the withheld document is exempt under Section 7(1)(f).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Access Counselor's Office at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kaplan GYER

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Assistant Public Access Counselor

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