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April 11, 2011

Mr. Joshua A. Faucette  
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Re: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 13480  
FOIA Requester: Ms. Monique Garcia – Chicago Tribune

Dear Mr. Faucette:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Office of the Governor of its intention to deny disclosure of personal information relating to the Governor's health or private family matters contained within responsive records as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

Specifically, on March 31, 2011, Ms. Monique Garcia, a reporter with the Chicago Tribune, submitted a FOIA request to Office of the Governor seeking "copies of Gov. Pat Quinn's official schedule dating from Nov. 2, 2010 to March 31, 2010." On April 11, 2011, the Office of the Governor sought our office's approval to withhold "personal information [contained in the schedule] relating to the Governor's health or private family matters when the public has no legitimate interest."

**Determination**

Section 7(1)(c) 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." The exemption defines "unwarranted 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."

The Governor's Office's use of the Section 7(1)(c) exemption to withhold information relating to the Governor's health or private family matters contained within the responsive records is **approved**. After review of the provided materials, our office agrees that the Governor's right to privacy with respect to this

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information outweighs any public interest in the information. Thus, our office finds that the Office of the Governor has met its initial burden with respect to the redaction of this information.

Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,



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cc:  
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