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Dr. Sanne Magnan, Commissioner  
Minnesota Department of Health  
P.O. Box 64975  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0975

## **Re: Data Practices Act Request**

Dear Dr. Magnan:

I write to request the opportunity to inspect documents related to the Minnesota Department of Health's collection and dissemination of newborn blood spots. I make this request to inspect document pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13.03 subd. 3.

The documents I am requesting to inspect are as follows:

- 1) Documents and correspondence relating to SF 3138, and the Governor's pocket veto thereof;
- 2) Documents, correspondence, contracts and the like relating to the release of newborn blood spots to the University of Minnesota, the Mayo Clinic, or any other organization, individual, or entity for the purposes of research or any other purpose;
- 3) Documents and correspondence relating to rule-making and attempted rule-making regarding the collection of infant bloodspots;
- 4) Documents and correspondence relating to communications with members of the legislative branch relating to the collection of DNA from infants;
- 5) Documents and correspondence relating to the information given to parents relating to their right to opt-out of DNA collection from their infant children, and the development thereof of these materials;
- 6) The copies of parent objections (redacted obviously), opt-outs and requests for destruction of testing results and blood samples;
- 7) A copy of all parent brochures, and other notification and information forms developed and/or published since 1980. All reports related to testing, including the types of tests and the number and level of disorders discovered during testing and follow-up testing.
- 8) All communications, documents, reports and notes given to and proceeding from the Heritable and Congenital Disorders Advisory Committee (144.1255);
- 9) A copy of all complaints, litigation, or legal actions and the like regarding Minn. Stat. §§ 144.125 – 144.128 and § 13.386.

Please have your agent or designee contact me within two weeks of this request so that we may arrange a suitable time and place for me to inspect these documents. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you kindly for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Nathan M. Hansen