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Dr. Sanne Magnan, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Health
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Re: Data Practices Act Request

Dear Dr. Magnan:

I write to follow up on a data practices act request I sent to you on July 28, 2008. I traveled to the Orville Freeman building yesterday to inspect documents that had been assembled for my review. I thank you and your office for the kind hospitality afforded me on my visit. My contact person was Matthew Zerby and he was very professional and polite.

The documents assembled however, did not entirely encompass my request. In my original request, I asked for:

“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”

I am aware that people or entities have made applications for and have received dried blood spots for research. It is my understanding that these requests for samples for research are handled by an institutional review board. It is these documents that I was requesting in my original request.

Please have your agent or designee contact me at your earliest convenience 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