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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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 follow up on a data practices act request I sent to you on July 28, 2008 and followed up by letter on October 24, 2008. I have not received copies of the documents I flagged nearly a month ago.

Further, the documents assembled, did not entirely encompass my request – as I pointed out in my previous letter of October 24, 2008. 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.

In that it has been several months since I made my request, I would appreciate that all deliberate speed be applied to fulfilling these requests. Further, I would appreciate a copy of the written parental informed consent form currently in use by the Department for the collection of newborn bloodspots.

I requested communications and notes related to the Departments 2008 Legislative proposal relating to newborn blood spot collection in my July 28 letter. I don't believe that there is any valid legal reason as to why these materials would not be provided to me – especially when that legislative session is over. Please let me know your intentions with regard to these materials.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you kindly for your assistance. I would appreciate a fulfillment of my overdue requests by the close of business on November 28, 2008.

Sincerely,

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