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Commissioner Lucinda Jesson
Minnesota Department of Human Services
444 Lafayette Road
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RE: Minnesota Data Practices Act request

Dear Commissioner,

This is a request for access to public data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13. Through this request, I am seeking to inspect and/or copy materials that may be held by your governmental entity.

I am seeking any and all public data related to the following items:

1. All correspondence, whether written or electronic, exchanged between any and all employees of the Minnesota Department of Human Services, and any and all employees of the Minnesota Council of Health Plans during the time period from Jan 1, 2008 to Dec 31, 2009;
2. All written correspondence exchanged between former DHS Commissioner Kevin Goodnow and former State Representative Matt Entenza during the period from September 1, 2004 to Jan 31, 2005;
3. Any and all rate certification letters in the possession of your agency that relate to Minnesota public health care programs, and also pertain to the calendar years 2000-2003.

If responsive data are found to exist, I would first like the opportunity to inspect such data, prior to identifying specific sub-sets of data to copy.

Please consider this letter a formal request for the indefinite retention of the requested data, pending the resolution or reclassification of its status.

As required by section 13.03, Subd. 3(f) of the Minnesota Statutes, I am requesting that in the event that any portion of this request is not granted, you certify in writing that the request has been denied, and cite the specific statutory section, temporary classification, or other provision of law upon which the denial is based.

This request is made as part of news gathering, and is not for commercial use.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or clarifications regarding the scope of this request. I can be reached at [REDACTED] or info@publicrecordmedia.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Ehling', written in a cursive style.

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