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E. Jane Stricklin
Executive Director
Illinois Audit Commission
622 Stratton Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: Legislative Audit Commission Proceedings – July 16 & 17, 2014

Dear Director Stricklin:

Please be advised that the undersigned represents Mr. Warren Ribley. As you know, Mr. Ribley has received a subpoena to appear on July 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. and July 17, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. (if necessary) “in the matter of the performance audit issued by the Illinois Auditor General pertaining to State monies provided to the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority for the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative.”

It is my understanding, and that of Mr. Ribley, that the Department of Justice Office of Legislative Affairs, on July 10, 2014 requested that the Illinois Legislative Audit Commission refrain from conducting interviews or receiving testimony in connection with the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative for a period of 90 days. Assistant Attorney General Peter J. Kadzik stated the Department of Justice’s position that conducting interviews or taking testimony at this time would pose “substantial risks to our investigation”.

It is also my understanding that the co-chairpersons of the Illinois Audit Commission have received further correspondence from the United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois that the contemplated audit commission proceedings would pose substantial risks to the U.S. Attorney’s ongoing investigation.

It is Mr. Ribley’s desire to cooperate with the Illinois Legislative Audit Commission in providing testimony at the appropriate time. By the same token, I have advised him that it would be inappropriate to provide testimony at this time given the representation that interviews and testimony given within the next 90 days could substantially risk the Government’s ongoing investigation. Accordingly, Mr. Ribley will not appear to give testimony at this time, and respectfully requests that the commission continue his subpoena to a later date, consistent with the requests to the Commission from the United States Attorney’s Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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