



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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Via Electronic Mail

Sandra L. Pappas
President, Minnesota Senate
Chair, Senate Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct
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Dear Senator Sandra L. Pappas:

This letter is in response to your letter dated October 30, 2014 that the Department of Human Services ("Department") received concerning an ethics complaint filed by Senator Hann and other members regarding Senator Jeff Hayden's conduct. Please note the following:

1. Amy Kaldor Akbay, Chief General Counsel, and Charles E. Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, will be available to testify at the Senate Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct hearing on November 5, 2014. Ms. Akbay can testify to the legal proceedings and privacy concerns and Mr. Johnson can testify to the Department's overall obligation and responsibility to provide oversight and monitoring of grant funds.
2. Attached are copies of the Community Action of Minneapolis, Inc. ("CAM") receivership pleadings.
3. Attached is correspondence between the Department and Admin/IPAD seeking an advisory opinion regarding disclosure of supporting documentation that the Department's Internal Audits Office reviewed to prepare the audit report.

The Department's public audit report speaks to the nature and scope of the CAM investigation. Due to data practices questions, the Department has requested an advisory opinion from IPAD. Until we receive this opinion, we are unable to provide supporting documentation obtained during the course of the investigation.

Sincerely,

Lucinda E. Jesson
Commissioner