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Governor Pat Quinn JRTC 100 W. Randolph 16-100 Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Governor Quinn:

As a member of the Legislative Audit Commission (LAC) convened to investigate the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative (NRI) Anti-violence program it is crucial that we finally be given access to materials and personnel under your control.

Recently you stated publicly that you will cooperate and aid the Commission members in conducting their investigation because your office promotes transparency at all levels of government.

The Commission issued subpoenas and some former employees of your office were served. In some cases counsel representing those who had been subpoenaed appeared before the Commission. The appearance of your former employees before this Commission remains unresolved. We are currently reaching out to the State's Attorney on how to best move forward with possible action against those who seem reluctant to appear.

Shortly before the LAC convened, the United States Department of Justice intervened in the Commission's investigation by asking the Commission to delay taking testimony for 90 days.

They claimed that to continue might interfere with the DOJ investigation. The Department of Justice was very clear in its communication that the members should continue their efforts in the discovery process to obtain documents and email.

I have reviewed all the materials collected by the Auditor General and have received recommendations from experts in the field with respect to the completeness of the production of documents and emails from your office. These recommendations have led me to believe that Central Management Services has not provided all of the emails that may contain relevant information. Recently the Commission asked Counsel for Ms.

Irving how many emails were located when a search was conducted by CMS. The answer was "over 100,000." The Auditor General has reported a number much less than that figure.

In light of the gravity of the situation, I am demanding full and complete access to the emails and electronically stored information at CMS related to the NRI program.

I will arrive at Central Management Services at 120 West Jefferson in Springfield at 9 am on

September 3, 2014 to start my work and will continue until my review of the materials is complete.

To overcome any objection with respect to access to the materials, I will work with CMS staff to ensure that only files are collected from the relevant time periods of the program and employment.

I'm sure that you would like nothing more than to move past this issue. This is the best chance to show the public you are transparent and can be trusted.

Because the tools and search criteria can be complex, I have solicited the help of an expert in the field of electronic discovery. I will have this expert with me in order to help navigate the systems and ask the necessary inquiry questions.

I welcome your response and look forward to moving forward with our inquiry on September 3rd.

Sincerely.

David Reis

State Representative