Dear Ms. Vogell:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Oct. 10, 2012.

On Oct. 17, our agency requested a five-day extension until Oct. 24.

You have requested all letters, memos, reports, emails or other correspondence concerning fines either levied or proposed against companies offering a testing-related service to the state since 2001.

In an Oct. 11 phone conversation with ISBE's Amanda Simhauser, you agreed to narrow your request to the letters that our agency has sent to the companies that outline the breach in contract and damages assessed or proposed.

The attached documents (13-112-vogell-doc1.pdf through 13-112-vogell-doc20.pdf) are provided in response to your request.

Please note that certain letters have been identified as attorney work product materials and therefore are being withheld pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a), which exempts from disclosure "information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing federal or State law."

Additionally, certain correspondence has been identified as containing drafter’s opinions and/or regarding the formulation of policies or actions. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (f), these materials are being withheld.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda at (217) 782-4648 or asirnhaus@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

Marcilene Dutton
Deputy General Counsel

Attachments