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Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

On 05-21-12, the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) received your 05-21-12 written request for copies of public records via e-mail. According to 5(1) of the FOIA, “[a] written request made by facsimile transmission, electronic mail, or other electronic transmission is not received by a public body’s FOIA Coordinator until 1 business day after the electronic transmission is made.” Section 5(2) of the Act provides that the public body shall respond to a request, “within 5 business days after the public body receives the request.” Thus, your FOIA request that was electronically submitted on 05-21-12 is considered received on 05-22-12. The five-business day period for this request commenced to run on 05-23-12 ending on 05-30-12. Your request is as follows:

“Under Michigan’s Freedom of Information Act, I would like the total amount of union dues deducted from payments to home-based child care providers for the union Child Care Providers Together Michigan (CCPTM). I believe the deductions began in January 2009 and continued into 2011.”

Your request for copies of public records is granted and is subject to the conditions and procedures of the Michigan FOIA. This Act permits a fee to be charged for the cost of providing public records. However, the DHS will not charge a fee for this request. The total amount of union dues deducted and sent to the Michigan Home based Child Care Council was \$4,774,869.50.

Sincerely,

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