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Mr. Thomas F. Simon, Esq.
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Via hand delivery

RE: Open Records Request of April 1, 2009

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your response to our open records request submitted on April 1, 2009. I look forward to hearing from you shortly regarding that matter.

Additionally, I understand that our request for records potentially encompasses a large number of documents. But the nature of the records requested are easily searchable and discoverable and we ask that you make the documents available as each record is ready. Please contact me when there are records responsive to my request available and I will have someone come pick them up. I would like access to these records as soon as possible and certainly believe that many of the records may be produced before April 17, 2009.

Missouri's Open Records and Meetings law applies to all three branches of Missouri government. Accordingly, we respectfully request that your office keep in mind that any efforts to delete emails, conceal communications, or destroy other items sought in my open records request will be discoverable in potential legal actions. If you have not done so already, we request that the Court's computer server backup tapes be set aside and preserved in order to ensure that all public records are protected.

Sincerely,

James M. N. Harris
Executive Director

CC: The Honorable Laura Denvir Stith