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September 21, 2007

Mr. Tom Newport  
Communications Workers of America, Local 6355  
Missouri State Workers Union  
3150 Roger Place  
St. Louis, MO 63116.

Dear Tom:

This is in response to your letter dated September 19, 2007 requesting employment and personal data on each bargaining unit employee within the Department of Social Services.

The majority of the information you requested is either not maintained by the Office of Administration, or is a closed record in accordance with the Missouri Sunshine Law (Chapter 610, RSMo). With this in mind, we will provide the names, positions, salaries, and lengths of service of each bargaining unit employee, in accordance with Section 610.021, RSMo.

Further, neither the proposal you have put forth, nor the State's counter-proposal include any issues in which this requested information would be relevant to the negotiations. Therefore, we perceive this information request as a stall tactic to impede the negotiation process and an attempt to use our denial of the requested information as an accusation of bad faith.

As we have stated previously, the priority of negotiations should be to focus on issues that are in the best interest of the workers and citizens of the State of Missouri, pursuant to all applicable laws. This type of tactic disrupts the negotiation process, and detracts from our goal of reaching an acceptable agreement.

The public information described above will be sent to you as soon as possible, no later than first meeting on October 1, 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerri Denton".

Jerri Denton  
Chief Negotiator