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Mr. Arend Tensen, Esq
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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Tensen:

We have completed an initial review of your public records act request. The Office of the Attorney General has responsive materials, but they are likely to contain protected health information. As a result, they may be exempt from production or will require redaction to safeguard privileged or confidential information.

Also, although we will provide an index at the time of production listing any materials withheld and identifying the applicable exemption, I note here that a substantial portion of the responsive materials consists of Ms. DiClerico's medical records obtained from Windham Center/Springfield Hospital and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Numerous provisions exempt these records from production under the public records law.

The following is an estimate of the time and cost to review and redact the materials responsive to your request:

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| 1. Attorney review of electronic records | 4 hrs @ \$.57/minute |
| 2. Admin redaction of electronic records | 5 hrs @ \$.45/minute |

(See "Uniform Schedule of Public Records Charges for State Agencies, Vermont Secretary of State," available at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/archives-records/certifications-fees/uniform-fee-schedule.aspx>)

Please confirm your willingness to pay the above costs (totaling approximately \$272) before we proceed further with processing your request. If the actual cost to respond is less than that estimated, the difference will be refunded to you.

Please contact me if you have question or would like to discuss.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven Monde
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