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Mr. Edward Genson, Esq.
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Dear Mr. Genson:

The Special Investigative Committee of the Illinois House of Representatives, 95th General Assembly (the "Committee"), is in receipt of your request for witnesses and would make the following comments.

With regard to the fourteen individuals, currently unnamed, whom you seek to subpoena, your proffer indicates that these individuals would testify that the Governor's programs or policies have benefitted them. The Committee would remind you that its work is confined to acts of "misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, and other misconduct" of Governor Blagojevich. The Committee has no objection to witnesses who will testify within the scope of the Committee's work and to respond to evidence considered to date.

Please be advised, however, that the Committee had expected to receive the names of these individuals on the morning of Tuesday, December 23, 2008. If we do not receive the names of these individuals, together with a brief summary of their proffered testimony, by the hour of 10:00 am on Friday, December 26, 2008, the Committee will not permit the testimony of these witnesses. Please also be advised that while the Committee will hear any relevant testimony from the fourteen witnesses, the Committee will not issue subpoenas to compel their attendance.

With regard to all other requests in your letter, we will respond to you shortly.

We look forward to receiving the names of your fourteen witnesses by 10:00 am on Friday, December 26, 2008. You can send this information to the Committee Counsel, Mr. Ellis, by facsimile at (217) 557-7599.

Sincerely,


Barbara Flynn Currie
Chair of the Special Investigative Committee


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