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The Honorable Phyllis Kahn Chair, State Government Finance Division Minnesota House of Representatives 365 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

## Re: Report Concerning Activities Under The Minnesota False Claims Act

Dear Chair Kahn:

This report is required by Minn. Stat. § 15C.16 (2009 Supp.), which provides as follows:

The attorney general shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over state government finance by January 15 each year, on activities under this chapter during the prior calendar year. The report must include:

(1) the number of complaints received by the attorney general under section 15C.05;

(2) the number of times the attorney general intervened and declined to intervene after receiving a complaint;

(3) an estimate of the amount of time spent by attorneys in the attorney general's office and an estimate of the amount of time spent by other staff in the attorney general's office on activities under this chapter; and

(4) net proceeds received by the state in each action under this chapter.

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While the statute requiring the report was effective July 1, 2009, the operative provisions of the Minnesota False Claims Act are not effective until August 1, 2010. Minn. Laws 2009, ch. 101, art. 2 §§ 24-37. Accordingly, since the Act is not yet in effect, the office has no activities to report under the Act for calendar year 2009, nor did the office incur other than nominal costs in preparation of this report.

We note that during 2009 the office participated, through the National Association of Medical Fraud Control Units ("NAMFCU"), with other states and the U.S. Department of Justice to obtain recoveries under the federal false claims act.

Sincerely yours,

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