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Secretary of the Commonwealth
Public Records Division
Supervisor of Records
McCormack Building, Room 1719
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Public Records Request to the Department of Transitional Assistance

Dear Supervisor of Records:

I am writing to seek an order from your office, pursuant to G.L. c. 66, §10(b), directing the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) immediately to respond to the outstanding public records request made on January 4, 2006. A copy of the request is attached.

On January 6, DTA acknowledged the request (copy attached). On February 16, 2006, having received no response to the request, I called DTA's Legal Department and was eventually informed by Cushing Giesey of that department that he could not provide any information as to when DTA would respond to the request.

There can be no doubt that the requested information is a public record within the meaning of G.L. c. 4, §7, clause 26th. In fact, I have received the same – although now outdated – information from DTA in the past, including the electronic spreadsheet referred to in the first two numbered paragraphs. A print out of that spread sheet is also attached.

Far more than the 10 days allowed for response have now passed. I am therefore writing to request that an order, pursuant to G.L. c. 66, §10(b), be issued with respect to the records requested in my January 4, 2006 letter.

Thank you for your anticipated attention to this request. Please feel free to contact me at extension 313 if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,

cc. _____, DTA Legal Department

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