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The Hon. Jay Nixon
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Re: Pending request for Attorney General's Opinion by Laura Bryant


Dear General Nixon:

It is my understanding that a request from the Hon. John Louden, a state senator, remains pending in your office in regard to a question he submitted on April 17, 2008, which was as follows: "Are official written communications between an individual state senator or state representative and another state governmental official or agency considered a public record under the provisions of chapter 610, R.S.Mo., commonly known as the Sunshine Law?"

This question is of significant importance both to the public, and to members of the news media, specifically to members of the Missouri Press Association, and we are writing to urge that the Attorney General's office complete its work on this matter and issue a formal opinion regarding this question.

If I can be of additional assistance in regard to this matter, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to the issuance of this opinion and thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,



Jean Maneke
For The Maneke Law Group, L.C.