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Steven Cohen, Secretary to the Governor
Mylan Denerstein, Counsel to the Governor
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Mr. Cohen and Ms. Denerstein:

Pursuant to the provisions of the New York Freedom of Information Law, and in follow up to our FOIL request of February 18, 2011, I hereby want to ensure that Jeffrey A. Sachs and/or this firm, Sachs Consulting, are covered in our request for records or portions thereof pertaining to all communications that have taken place since October 2010 between the Governor's Office and members of the Medicaid Redesign Team regarding any aspect of the Medical Redesign Team's "Proposal #131, Reform Medical Malpractice and Patient Safety," or the issue of medical malpractice and/or medical malpractice litigation, in general.

These communications include:

- all correspondence in whatever form between the Governor's office and Jeffrey A. Sachs and/or this firm, Sachs Consulting, between October 2010 to the present;
- a list of visits made to the Governor's office by Jeffrey A. Sachs and/or this firm, Sachs Consulting, between October 2010 to the present;
- email records between the Governor's office and Jeffrey A. Sachs and/or this firm, Sachs Consulting, between October 2010 to the present;
- text records of communications between the Governor's office and Jeffrey A. Sachs and/or this firm, Sachs Consulting, between October 2010 to the present;
- phone conversation records between the Governor's office and Jeffrey A. Sachs and/or this firm, Sachs Consulting, between October 2010 to the present;
- all written and verbal updates on Medicaid Redesign Team meetings that have been provided to the Governor's office from Jeffrey A. Sachs and/or this firm, Sachs Consulting.

Please email me these records if available electronically. If it is necessary to photocopy the requested records, I understand that the Commission waives copying fees unless the request is for more than 40 pages, in which case the Commission shall charge \$0.25 per copy or the cost of electronic reproduction.

If my request is too broad or does not reasonably describe the records, or if it is necessary to modify my request or charge copying fees, please contact me at 212/267-2801.

This is an urgent request because the Medicaid Redesign Team is seriously considering new provisions that could limit the legal rights of patients at the recommendation of hospital and/or health industry representatives, which would allow substantial financial benefits to accrue to hospitals and raises the prospect of self-dealing by these Team members. The *New York Times* reported today that Mr. Sachs, “has quickly emerged as a leader on the governor’s 27-person Medicaid redesign team” and while “known to many in Albany as ‘Andrew’s best friend,’ is working as a paid consultant to some of the biggest players in the New York health care industry, including Mount Sinai Medical Center, NYU Langone Medical Center and the state’s largest association of nursing homes, all of which have financial interests at stake in the coming Medicaid changes.”

We believe the Governor has good intentions in his Medicaid reform efforts, but that the process has been hijacked by a group of self-dealing industry insiders.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joanne Doroshow".

Joanne Doroshow
Executive Director