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Dear Mr. Ellis and Mr. Hoscheid:

I am in receipt of a request from John Ellis, Juvenile Corrections Monitor, in which he requests review of the report entitled Juvenile Corrections Monitor Semi-Annual Report, Public Section January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008. The requested review is for purposes of determining whether any personally identifiable confidential information is contained in the report. With respect to reports to the monitor, SDCL 26-11A-30 provides:

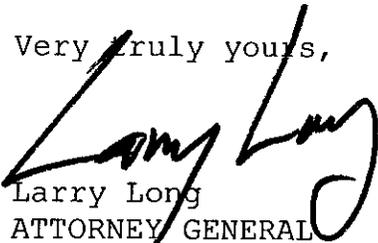
For purposes of any audit, report, evaluation, or public testimony that may be permitted or required under §§ 26-11A-24 to 26-11A-33, inclusive, no disclosure of the identity of, or any other personally identifiable information related to, any juvenile or any individual requesting assistance under §§ 26-11A-24 to 26-11A-33, inclusive, shall be required. The identity of the person making a report to the monitor shall be kept confidential.

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Additionally, SDCL 26-11A-33 states "The identity of the juvenile and of any person or agency making a report to the monitor shall be kept confidential."

After reviewing the report, it does not appear to contain any personally identifiable confidential information that would prevent it from being released as a public document.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Long", written over the typed name and title.

Larry Long
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