Dear Ms. Rohr:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of September 14, 2014, and received in my office on September 15, 2014, in which you requested:

“A copy of the "draft statement provided by Carle" referenced in Jennifer Eardley’s email to Robin Kaler and Chris Harris (carbon copied: Peter Schiffer; subject: FW: Review this week: Draft Carle hearing statement; Date: Thursday, July 3rd, 2014; Time: 4:35 p.m.) This document was also referenced by Carle as a "script" and "talking points" in other emails between Eardley and Carle staff. ”

Your request is denied pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(f) of FOIA, which exempts “Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda, and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record of relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” The document you seek is a draft document containing a proposed statement. Its contents do not reflect the statement Dr. Eardley actually gave at the hearing. Therefore, this document is exempt from production under section (f) of the Act.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer