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**Senate**  
**State of Minnesota**

July 18, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Commissioner Pam Wheelock  
Minnesota Department of Human Services  
540 Cedar Street  
112 Administration Building  
St Paul, MN 55155

Dear Commissioner Wheelock:

Please accept this letter as a formal request for access to inspect data under the Minnesota Data Practices Act (Minnesota Statutes 13.03). I am requesting access to inspect any and all communications, including but not limited to emails, letters, memoranda, employment related text messages, or employment related personal emails between two or more of the following staff at the Department of Human Services, from the time period of May 15, 2019 to July 15, 2019:

- a) Commissioner Tony Lourey
- b) Deputy Commissioner Charles Johnson
- c) Deputy Commissioner Claire Wilson
- d) Chief of Staff Stacie Weeks
- e) Assistant Commissioner Marie Zimmerman

The Department of Human Services must provide access to the requested data “as soon as reasonably possible” (Minn. Stat. 13.03, Subd. 3). I will accept electronic copies of this data if it is available at no additional charge. If you determine that responsive information requires withholding or redaction, please inform my office in writing and include the specific statutory authority for the withholding or redaction.

Please contact my office at your earliest convenience to discuss the time frame for completion or if you have any clarifying questions that can help expedite access to the requested data.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Benson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Michelle Benson