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Re: Subpoenae to Georgia Programs

Dear Ed,

We have been advised today that your office has issued subpoenas to our two Georgia recipients. As you know, action has been taken without consultation with management and places us in a difficult position with respect to our cooperation with your office. Further, management has not been involved or consulted on what we understand is a discretionary project of the OIG; not mandated by the LSC or OIG Acts. Although we do not have complete information on the OIG research project giving rise to the subpoena, we question whether you have sought less burdensome alternatives than the client information presumably sought by your office.

We request that you provide in writing an official position stating your legal authority for obtaining the information you are seeking, including a detailed description of the study your staff is undertaking in the two programs in question. We would also appreciate a copy of the subpoenae or drafts if they are not yet issued.

At the present time, we question the need to subpoena information from these programs, without first seeking alternatives and the assistance of management. We further question the utility of seeking the non-voluntary disclosure of client data in connection with a discretionary OIG activity, and urge you to consider the disruption which may be caused to the programs and to their own statutory obligation to serve clients. Had you worked with management, we are confident your office could have conducted this project in a less confrontational and ultimately more productive manner.

Management is not in a position at this time to fully support this action until we know all the facts, the purpose of the subpoenae and have an idea of what burdens the project and the subpoenae will place on the programs.

Sincerely,

John McKay

CC: Board of Directors