

EMPIRE CENTER

October 15, 2014

Records Access Officer
New York State Office of Children and Family Services
52 Washington Street, Room 133 North
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Dear sir or madam:

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Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law, we hereby request the following:

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- Copies of any and all general written communications – including but not limited to those explaining the impact of the *Harris* decision – sent by OCFS to child care providers since June 30, 2014.
- Copies of any and all written communications received from the Office of the Attorney General pertaining to the *Harris* decision.

Please note that we are specifically requesting records relating to “child care providers” as defined in Section 695 of the Labor Law; i.e., those from whom the collection of agency shop fees had been authorized prior to the *Harris* ruling.

If you have any questions on the inquiry, please do not hesitate to call me at 518-434-3100 or to send an email to kgirardin@empirecenter.org.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Girardin
Communications Manager
Empire Center for Public Policy

cc: Hon. Lawrence Schwartz

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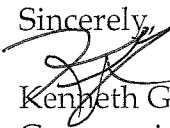
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