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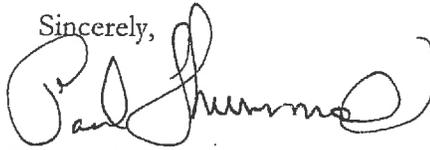
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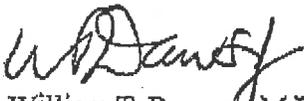
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## Cynthia Gore

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**From:** Cynthia Gore  
**Sent:** Monday, November 24, 2014 12:32 PM  
**To:** Bryan Amick  
**Cc:** Alissa Robinson  
**Subject:** RE: Log Letter 000006 - Representative Thurmond

SEARCH was  
just copied in  
this letter; however  
I did contact  
PEBA to ensure  
it was handled  
and it was.

I just spoke with Caroline Keith, Appeals Coordinator at PEBA, and she stated that they did process the appeal and took care of the situation regarding Jamie Thomas on July 8, 2014. I've made note of that in our files and I'll clear on Executive log. Thanks

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### Cynthia Gore

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**From:** Bryan Amick  
**Sent:** Monday, November 24, 2014 12:19 PM  
**To:** Cynthia Gore  
**Cc:** Alissa Robinson  
**Subject:** Re: Log Letter 000006 - Representative Thurmond

Yeah... I sent it to the person I usually contact over at PEBA. I just noticed that since PEBA was the addressee and we were copied, it wouldn't be necessary for us to reply. I'll can ask Deirdra about it in my 1 on 1 this afternoon.

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**From:** Cynthia Gore <[Cynthia.Gore@scdhhs.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Gore@scdhhs.gov)>  
**Date:** Monday, November 24, 2014 at 12:16 PM  
**To:** Bryan Amick <[bryan.amick@scdhhs.gov](mailto:bryan.amick@scdhhs.gov)>  
**Cc:** Alissa Robinson <[ROBINAL@scdhhs.gov](mailto:ROBINAL@scdhhs.gov)>  
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Ok Bryan, I was just going on Deirdra's response on how to handle, which was: "We should let PEBA know we have received this complaint and have them make contact with her. We should followup our conversation with PEBA in a written communication and let Explain to Rep. that we have spoken with PEBA , as they are the appropriate one to espond. Thanks"

So, did you touch bases with someone from PEBA or is your thought that since they (PEBA) was copied, they should respond?

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**Deirdra Singleton**

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**From:** Bryan Amick

**Sent:** Friday, November 21, 2014 4:57 PM

**To:** Cynthia Gore

**Cc:** Alissa Robinson

**Subject:** Re: Log Letter 000006 - Representative Thurmond

I think we should consider again whether this requires our response. While it requested a reply, it was written to PEBA, with Tony cc'd. Thus, I suggest that the response was intended to come from PEBA. We do know that they got this and were following up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2014, at 4:19 PM, Cynthia Gore <[Cynthia.Gore@scdhhs.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Gore@scdhhs.gov)> wrote:

Bryan,

Please advise on this log letter. It is still showing as outstanding on the Executive Correspondence Log that Jan gave me...

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**From:** Cynthia Gore

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 20, 2014 12:50 PM

**To:** Alissa Robinson; Bryan Amick

**Subject:** RE: Log Letter 000006 - Representative Thurmond

Hi Bryan,

Do you know if contact has been made with PEBA and follow-up with Has contact been made with Representative Thurmond as Deirdra advised in her e-mail?

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**From:** Alissa Robinson

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014 11:11 AM

**To:** Bryan Amick

**Cc:** Cynthia Gore

**Subject:** RE: Log Letter 000006 - Representative Thurmond

Good Morning,

I'm just following up on this log letter to see if it is handled or whether there is anything I need to do to follow up. Thank You.

Lisa

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**Alissa Robinson**

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**From:** Bryan Amick

**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 6:20 PM

**To:** Cynthia Gore

**Cc:** Deirdra Singleton; Marion Burton; Alissa Robinson; Jan Polatty

**Subject:** Re: Log Letter 000006 - Representative Thurmond

Hey folks:

I'm writing for some guidance in how to reply to this. The issue that is described in Rep Thurmond's letter is regarding a member of the State Health Plan, not Medicaid. I'm not sure why Tony was copied, but this is really a 100% PEBA issue. I agree that Catamaran appears to be acting unreasonably. I'm happy to do whatever I can, but how do we generally handle these sorts of issues that are completely outside our scope?

Thanks,  
Bryan

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2014, at 3:22 PM, "Cynthia Gore" <[Cynthia.Gore@scdhhs.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Gore@scdhhs.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

Please see attached log letter from Representative Paul Thurmond. It did not have a response due date; however, it should have. Representative Thurmond wrote regarding constituent Jamie Thomas and a prescription benefit challenge she has been having since January 2014. I think we need to go ahead and respond as soon

as possible in some type of way, even if we at first call and speak with Representative Thurmond and tell him we're working on it... Jan said that Representative Thurmond contacts Tony a lot about concerns...

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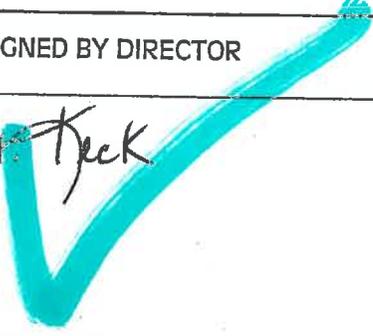
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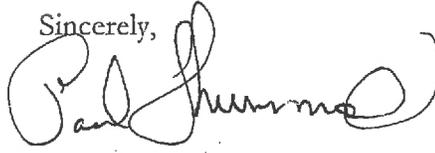
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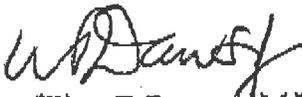
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