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The Honorable Doug Dean
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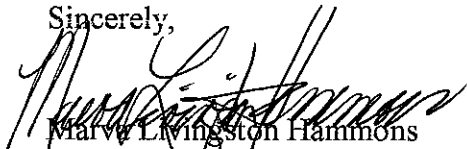
Dear Representative Dean:

Pursuant to Senate Bill 00-171 Concerning Certain Abandoned Children, the State Department of Human Services is required to submit an annual report to the General Assembly compiling monthly reports by counties of the number of children abandoned under this statute. The Division of Child Welfare Services developed a procedure whereby a form is electronically transmitted on a quarterly basis to each county department of social services to be completed and returned.

The counties are reporting that there have been no abandoned infants pursuant to this statute. One infant was abandoned at a church in August 2000. All of the large counties have reported, but a few of the small counties have not responded. The Division will update this report immediately if there is a change.

The contact person for additional information is Janet Motz at 303-866-5137 or e-mail at Janet.motz@state.co.us.

Sincerely,


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cc: Carol Taylor, Legislative Liaison