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Marva Livingston Hammons
Executive Director

TO: Members of the General Assembly
FROM: *Marva Livingston Hammons*
DATE: December 27, 2002
SUBJECT: Abandoned Infant Report pursuant to 19-3-304.5 (6)

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December 31, 2002

The Honorable Alice J. Nichol
State Senator
136 State Capitol
Denver CO 80203

Dear Senator Nichol:

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Sincerely,

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Marva Livingston Hammons
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cc: Carol Taylor, Legislative Liaison

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The Honorable Peggy Reeves
State Senator
136 State Capitol
Denver CO 80203

Dear Senator Reeves:

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The Honorable Gayle Berry
State Representative
136 State Capitol
Denver CO 80203

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The Honorable Fran Coleman
State Representative
136 State Capitol
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Dear Representative Coleman:

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The Honorable Tom Plant
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136 State Capitol
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State Representative
136 State Capitol
Denver CO 80203

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The Honorable Lois Tochtrop
State Representative
136 State Capitol
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