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## Senate of Pennsylvania

November 30, 2010

The Honorable Tom Corbett  
Office of Attorney General  
Strawberry Square  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear General Corbett:

This is an official request for the Office of Attorney General to review all documents and related information concerning State Purchase Order #4300193303 and the subsequent actions of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), the Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security (PA-OHS) and the Institute of Terrorism Research and Response (ITRR) related to this contract and the services provided to the Commonwealth.

Substantial public concerns have been registered since it was reported that ITRR received a no-bid contract of approximately \$103,000 from PA-OHS. This contract resulted in the monitoring of legal activities of public advocacy groups and private citizens, as well as statewide dissemination of this information to law enforcement, governing bodies, private businesses and other parties via PA-OHS Intelligence Bulletins. Many peaceful, law-abiding organizations and citizens were unnecessarily listed in the bulletins, and in some instances, investigated by local law enforcement and other authorities.

The Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee is charged with providing legislative oversight of emergency management and homeland security functions in the Commonwealth. Two public hearings were held – one on September 27, 2010 and one on October 13, 2010 – to hear sworn testimony from witnesses. The committee has reviewed all documents provided and listened to concerns expressed by citizens, agency officials, and other interested parties.