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Re: HB 997 and SB 1446/Exemption – DACS Investigations

Dear Mr. Rees:

We have review HB 997 and its Senate companion, SB 1446, creating a limited exemption for certain records related to investigations by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The First Amendment Foundation does not object to passage of this exemption as currently drafted. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Petersen, President

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