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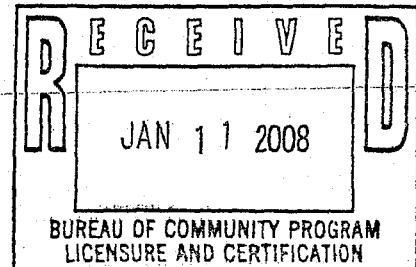
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Dear Janice:

It is my understanding the Department of Health is proposing regulations that would ease the confidentiality standards of individuals' drug and alcohol addiction treatment records. Please be aware that I strongly object to these types of changes.

As you know, receiving treatment for drug and alcohol addiction still carries a social stigma. Many times, people are reluctant and/or embarrassed to admit they have a problem and receive the often life saving treatment they desperately need. I believe if regulations were implemented that would ease the confidentiality standards of personnel records and individual treatments plans, these same people may decide not seek the needed treatment.

As you continue to review these regulations, please keep in mind the privacy of the clients and the families that are undergoing treatment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

ROGER A. MADIGAN
SENATOR

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