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Mailing Date: August 22, 2011

Mr. Mark Corrigan
Secretary-Parliamentarian of the Senate
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

Re: Right to Know Law Request No. 110728909

Mr. Corrigan:

I am writing to inform you that I am dissatisfied with the documents which were sent to me by Mr. Faber pursuant to My Right to Know Law (RTKL) request.

In sum, I was [c]harged eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) [40% of my monthly prison wages] for my request to obtain copies and certification of a specific document derived from the journal of the Senate of Pennsylvania. My request was "not" adequately fulfilled.

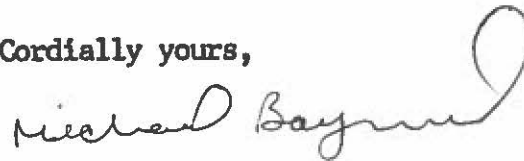
Initially, I requested for a complete revealment to the Senate's Journal entry containing their proceeding to consider Senate Bill No.'s 438 and 117, Joint Resolutions proposed to amend Section 10, Article 1 of the Pennsylvania State Constitution. According to Mr. Faber's initial response, which displays an invoice explaining the required fee to fulfill my request, as permitted by law, Mr. Faber was well aware of the documents I wished to obtain, and that, to verify its authenticity, I sought in its company certification bearing the seal of the Senate's Chief Clerk's Office. Instead, a mere computer printout of the specific provision of the proposed amendment to both Bills was incidentally sent to me without certification.

Ostensively, my correspondences to Mr. Faber were directly indicative of my desire to obtain "certified copies" of the requested documents. Certification by government agencies of this state would require a formal statement by a representative of the particular agency emblazon with the seal that represents the various official capacity of the Commonwealth. The State Seal is the symbol used by the Commonwealth to authenticate certain documents. Pennsylvania's Coat of Arms, while not used in the same official capacity as the State Seal, is perhaps a more familiar symbol, particularly to the Senate of Pennsylvania, and appears on countless documents, letterheads, and publications. Nowhere on the six (6) pages of printouts sent to me by Mr. Faber is there even the slightest indication for the impression of the Coat of Arms emblem.

It is my contention that Mr. Faber deliberately sent me computer

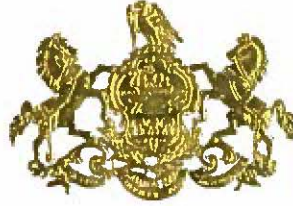
printouts without certification with the intent to mislead and deprive me of my finances. I paid the fees due for authentication purposes, therefore, I pray your Parliamentary standard may lead you to direct Mr. Faber to send me "certified copies" of the documents I initially requested.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Baynard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Michael Baynard

CC: File



Senate of Pennsylvania

24 August 2011

Mr. Michael Baynard
Inmate Number FG-7774
SCI Coal Township
1 Kelley Drive
Coal Township, PA 17866-1021

Dear Mr. Baynard:

I am in receipt of your recent letter which purports to be an appeal of a decision by the Senate Open Records Officer. It would appear that you were supplied copies of records; however, the records were not "certified."

Section 7.23 of Title 104 of the Pennsylvania Code permits me to attempt to resolve such disputes informally. It is impossible to contact you directly since you are incarcerated. I did contact the Open Records Officer's office. Due to a clerical error, the "certified" documents were not mailed to you. Since the documents you requested are in my custody and control, I am enclosing with this letter the certified copies of the documents already sent to you by the Open Records Officer.

Sincerely,

MARK R. CORRIGAN
Senate Appeals Officer
Secretary of the Senate



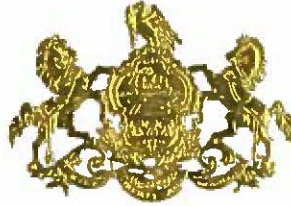
Senate of Pennsylvania

CERTIFICATION

I, MARK R. CORRIGAN, Secretary of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, attached hereto is a true and correct copy of Senate Bill 117 of the 1973 - 1974 Regular Session of the General Assembly as well as a copy of the History of that bill .

*Given under my hand and the seal of the Senate of Pennsylvania
this 24th day of August 2011.*

MARK R. CORRIGAN
*Secretary of the Senate
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*



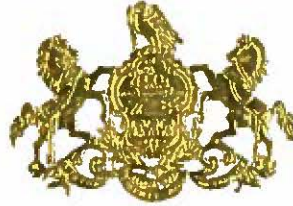
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CERTIFICATION

I, MARK R. CORRIGAN, Secretary of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, attached hereto is a true and correct copy of Senate Bill 438 of the 1971 - 1972 Regular Session of the General Assembly as well as a copy of the History of that bill .

Given under my hand and the seal of the Senate of Pennsylvania this 24th day of August 2011.

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