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*Via electronic mail*  
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*Via electronic mail*  
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RE: FOIA Request for Review – 2024 PAC 83276

Dear Ms. Hunds dorfer and Ms. Hamelin:

This letter is issued pursuant to section 9.5(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).<sup>1</sup> For the reasons explained below, the Public Access Bureau will take no further action with respect to the above-referenced Request for Review.

On September 30, 2024, Ms. Beth Hunds dorfer, on behalf of Capitol News Illinois submitted the above-referenced Request for Review, contesting the denial by the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) to her FOIA request submitted on September 29, 2024. On October 8, 2024, Ms. Hunds dorfer informed the Public Access Bureau that the same denial of this FOIA request would be pursued in court.

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<sup>1</sup>5 ILCS 140/9.5(f) (West 2023 Supp.).

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Section 9.5(g) of FOIA<sup>2</sup> provides:

If the requester files suit under Section 11 with respect to the same denial that is the subject of a pending request for review, the requester shall notify the Public Access Counselor, and the Public Access Counselor shall take no further action with respect to the request for review and shall so notify the public body.

Because Ms. Hundsどrfer has filed suit under section 11 of FOIA,<sup>3</sup> section 9.5(g) of FOIA precludes the Public Access Counselor from taking further action with respect to this matter.

This letter serves to close this file. Please contact me at [victoria.frazier@ilag.gov](mailto:victoria.frazier@ilag.gov) if you have questions.

Very truly yours,

  
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<sup>2</sup>5 ILCS 140/9.5(g) (West 2023 Supp.).

<sup>3</sup>5 ILCS 140/11 (West 2023 Supp.).