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The Honorable David A. Paterson
Governor of the State of New York
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Re: Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) Audit Report 2008-S-106
Adoption Subsidy Program

Dear Governor Paterson:

Pursuant to Section 170 of the Executive Law, the Office of Children and Family Services' staff has reviewed the above-referenced State Comptroller's final audit report issued on August 18, 2010.

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has implemented, to the extent practicable and consistent with federal law, the recommendations provided by OSC. The final OCFS response to the provided recommendations is appended to this document. OCFS will continue to monitor these efforts in the future.

OCFS would like to highlight several important actions which have taken place since these audit findings were finalized. OCFS's Office of Audit and Quality Control (AQC) has initiated a process to query statewide adoption subsidy records against death certificate records from both the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH) databases. Agreements were signed with NYS DOH and NYC DOHMH on August 19, 2010 and October 22, 2010, respectively.

OCFS has also done significant work in reviewing the legal and miscellaneous non-recurring adoption expense payments exceeding $2,000 which were identified in the audit. AQC is in the process of conducting a statewide analysis of BICS data in order to identify individuals paid cumulative amounts exceeding $2,000. The results and recommendations that this analysis produces will be shared with local districts upon their completion.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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