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Dear Mr. Strouse and Ms. Ausley:

Your letters to Governor Jon Corzine and Attorney General Zulima V. Farber were recently forwarded to my attention as Counsel to the Office of the State Medical Examiner. As you are aware from our previous conversations on this matter, Middlesex County's policy of requiring a court order prior to specimen release is based on the legal guidance of their county attorney. The State Medical Examiner's Office does not have the authority to direct the county medical examiner's office to take any action with the advice of their counsel.

I understand however, from my recent review of this matter with County Counsel, Eric Aronowitz, that you have agreed to provide his office with the requested court order as evidenced by your letter to Aronowitz.

It certainly appears that you have made mutually acceptable arrangements for the release of the requested specimens. I trust the matter will be resolved shortly.

On behalf of the Office of the Attorney General, we extend our deepest condolences for the loss of your sister, Joyce Sauter.

Sincerely,

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Denise Hollingsworth
 Deputy Attorney General

cc: SDAG Marsetta Lee

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