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Dear Ms. Allen,

I am writing you on behalf of Jim Petro concerning your interest in the future of WebCheck technology in Ohio. I shared your letter with Jeffrey Rossi of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, who gave me the following information:

It turns out that Sergeant Don Grimwood is mistaken about Webcheck being merely a pilot program. It is Ohio's program and has been in use since 1998. In fact, Ohio is the only state with a web-based electronic civilian background check program, and we are very proud of the work that our folks do with WebCheck.

The National Pilot Program is an enhancement of WebCheck to include the capability to do both Ohio and FBI checks. The pilot was set to expire in October 2003, but was extended to October 2004. Once the Compact Council approves flat-to-rolled study materials, the test results by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) are in, and the National Fingerprint-based Applicant Check Study (N-FACS) report is adopted this summer, we expect that the FBI will release the pilot designation and the 10 print workstations will be available to the marketplace.

If you have any questions or would like to meet sometime with Jeffrey Rossi and me to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me at the telephone number or email address below. Thank you for your continuing interest in the welfare of the children of Ohio.

Very truly yours,

Jim Petro
Attorney General of Ohio

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norman E. Plate".

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