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## Follow up to call to you re question about Gov. Snyder's/State's position on Adoption Policy

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Hi Rudy-

As we discussed on Friday, I handle media inquiries and other various Communication efforts on behalf of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. The Governor does not have a position regarding adoption records in Michigan so I am unable to answer your questions.

As you know, I forwarded your previous correspondence to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and resulting in that outreach you were contacted directly by DHHS staff regarding your personal adoption records. My understanding is to get the information you are seeking, Michigan law would need to be changed.

If you are looking to pursue a change in Michigan law, you would need to contact members of the Michigan Legislature, as any requests for a change in or creation of state laws must be made through the legislative process. Article IV, Section 22 of the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963, as amended, states that "all legislation shall be by bill and may originate in either house." In the state of Michigan, the Governor does not have the ability to introduce legislation. If a bill is passed by both houses in identical form, the bill is enrolled and sent to Governor Snyder's desk for consideration. Governor Snyder would have 14 days to make a decision on such legislation. Please know that should any legislation make it to his desk he will keep your comments close at hand.

If you desire to further your conversation on this topic you may reach out to Laura Stoken, Manager of the Governor's Office of Constituent Relations at [517.335.7858](tel:517.335.7858) or [rick.snyder@michigan.gov](mailto:rick.snyder@michigan.gov).

Thank you again for reaching out.

Best,

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