

# **EXHIBIT 7**

## Holohan, Bridget (CPI)

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**From:** Karl J. Sleight [ksleight@ ]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 05, 2010 11:09 AM  
**To:** Holohan, Bridget (CPI)  
**Subject:** Re: Privileged and Confidential: RE: Letter response on behalf of Mr. O'Connor

Bridget,

Thank you for the e-mail. I am currently out of the office and will provide a more comprehensive response when I return.

However, for the record I do not concede that the Commission has any jurisdiction over the matter or President O'Connor as alleged.

As requested in my April, 2009, I would appreciate the Commission citing any authority supporting what is an unprecedented ex post facto application of the Public Officers Law.

Again, I believe it would be helpful to meet with you and Barry to discuss the issue. I remain available to do so.

Best regards,  
Karl

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**From:** Holohan, Bridget (CPI) <Bridget.Holohan@nyIntegrity.org>  
**To:** Karl J. Sleight  
**Sent:** Tue Jan 05 10:47:20 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Privileged and Confidential: RE: Letter response on behalf of Mr. O'Connor  
Karl,

While Mr. O'Connor may not have been subject to the Public Officers Law ("POL") at the time of Ms. Bruno's hiring, you concede Mr. O'Connor and Ms. Bruno became subject to the POL as of March 2007 and Ms. Bruno continued working for the Research Foundation for approximately 2 years after becoming subject to the POL. Therefore, the Commission on Public Integrity has jurisdiction to conduct an investigation.

The document request email to you on December 29, 2009, seeks to verify factual assertions set forth by you in your letter dated April 10, 2009. Please inform me as to when documents, if any, can be provided.

Thank you.

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**From:** Karl J. Sleight [mailto:ksleight@ ]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 4:55 PM  
**To:** Holohan, Bridget (CPI)  
**Cc:** Ginsberg, Barry (CPI)  
**Subject:** Privileged and Confidential: RE: Letter response on behalf of Mr. O'Connor

Bridget,

Thank you for your e-mail and welcome back.

As a threshold question, you may recall that Mr. Teitelbaum's correspondence was a "15 day letter" pursuant to Executive Law section 94(12), thereby making Mr. O'Connor technically a formal subject of a Commission inquiry. I previously raised the jurisdictional issue in my response letter (which Mr. Teitelbaum may have been unaware of) that the Commission did not have jurisdiction over the Research Foundation until after passage of PEERA in March, 2007 and therefore Mr. Teitelbaum's allegations of violations of section 74 from 2003 cannot stand. Both letters are attached for your convenience.

Although my correspondence does provide significant insight into the factual issues that Mr. Teitelbaum focused upon, if the Commission intends to pursue the allegation I would appreciate the opportunity to meet and discuss these threshold legal issues with you and Mr. Ginsberg at your earliest convenience.

Please advise whether you and Mr. Ginsberg are amenable to a meeting to discuss this issue in the immediate future.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Best regards,  
Karl

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Holohan, Bridget (CPI) [mailto:Bridget.Holohan@nyintegrity.org]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 29, 2009 5:41 PM

**To:** Karl J. Sleight

**Subject:** RE: Letter response on behalf of Mr. O'Connor

Karl,

I apologize for the long delay in getting back to you regarding your client, Mr. O'Connor, but I only recently returned from maternity leave and have come to this matter on my long "to do" list.

Could your client provide any records of the following: (1) contemporaneous documentation setting forth Mr. O'Connor's reasoning for permitting Ms. Bruno to work from home and its benefit to the Foundation; (2) documentation explaining to Ms. Bruno her requirements while working from home; (3) any internal control mechanisms put in place to insure Ms. Bruno was performing duties in a timely fashion; (4) evaluations; and (5) examples of her work product. In sum, please provide any documentation you or your client feels substantiates the assertion that the telecommuting arrangement granted Ms. Bruno in May 2006 and continued until she left employment with the Foundation was a managerial decision. If there are no responsive documents, please indicate in writing.

Thank you and Happy New Years.

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**From:** Karl J. Sleight [mailto:ksleight@REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2009 3:12 PM

**To:** Holohan, Bridget (CPI)  
**Subject:** Letter response on behalf of Mr. O'Connor

Bridget,

Please see attached the response to the Commission's letter sent to Mr. John O'Connor, President of the Research Foundation.

Thank you for your courtesies regarding this matter to date. I look forward to discussing this matter with you in the near future.

Best regards,  
Karl Sleight

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