

United States District Court

District of Minnesota

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Senator John Hoffman Suite #2231 95 University Ave. W. Saint Paul, MN 55155

Senator Jim Abeler Suite #3215 95 University Ave. W. Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Money returned to DHS

Dear Senators Hoffman and Abeler:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Court's order that money previously held in a registry account related to the *Jensen* lawsuit be returned to the MN Department of Health and Human Services ("DHS"). Upon receiving your letter, the Court reached out to counsel in the lawsuit for comment. Please find their responses attached.

With or without agreeing with counsel, the Court interprets your letter as a request to clarify its intent with respect to the intended distribution of the funds. The Court notes that it released the money pursuant to an unopposed motion by counsel for DHS.

Whether the money returned qualifies as "money recovered" as defined in MN Stat. § 16A.151 is an issue that must be decided by the appropriate state authorities.

Thank you for your commitment to improving the lives of persons with disabilities.

Very truly yours,

DONOVAN W. FRANK United States District Judge

DWF/mbh Attachments