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Barbara Flynn Currie  
Chairperson  
Special Investigative Committee  
Illinois House of Representative  
300 State Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Senator Roland Burris' Subpoena before the Special  
Investigative Committee.

Dear Chairperson Currie:

As you have discussed with Timothy Wright, Senator Burris has sworn the attached Affidavit reciting the events leading up to his appointment as United States Senator by Governor Blagojevich. The Affidavit is not intended to be a substitute for testimony before your Committee, but may be useful to you pending the Senator's actual appearance.

Thank you for the consideration the Committee has extended to Senator Burris.

Very truly yours,



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An Attorney for Senator Roland W. Burris

Attachment

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**STATE OF ILLINOIS****COUNTY OF COOK****AFFIDAVIT OF ROLAND W. BURRIS**

**I, ROLAND W. BURRIS**, being first sworn on oath, depose and state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection:

1. I am the Senator-Designate for the State of Illinois.
2. I am a resident of the State of Illinois, at least 30 years of age and a natural-born citizen of the United States of America.
3. On Friday, December 26, 2008, I received a telephone call from Sam Adams, Jr., ("Mr. Adams, Jr.") an attorney employed by Rod Blagojevich, the Governor of the State of Illinois ("Governor Blagojevich").
4. During the December 26, 2008 telephone conversation with Mr. Adams, Jr., he asked if he could come to my residence to discuss a matter with me and I agreed.
5. At my residence Mr. Adams Jr. asked if I had an interest in accepting Governor Blagojevich's appointment to fill the Senate seat left vacant by President-Elect Barack Obama. I responded to Mr. Adams, Jr. that I needed a couple of days to confer with friends and family and that I would inform him of my decision within a couple of days.
6. On Sunday, December 28, 2008, Mr. Adams Jr. contacted me by telephone and then visited me at my home to ask me if I had reached a decision with respect to accepting or rejecting Governor Blagojevich's appointment to the United States Senate.
7. I told Mr. Adams Jr. that, should Governor Blagojevich offer the appointment to the United States Senate, I would accept.
8. On Sunday, December 28, 2008, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Governor Blagojevich personally contacted me by telephone, praised my public service record and offered to appoint me to the United States Senate to fill the Senate seat left vacant by President-Elect Barack Obama.
9. During the December 28, 2008 telephone conversation with Governor Blagojevich, I formally accepted the appointment to the United States

Senate. Governor Blagojevich then indicated that he would formally announce my appointment at a press conference within the next couple of days. The telephone call then ended.

10. Other than greetings, Governor Blagojevich praising my public service record, his offer and my acceptance of the appointment to the United States Senate, and the discussion of the future press conference to announce my appointment, Governor Blagojevich and I discussed no other topics or subject matter during the December 28, 2008 telephone conversation.
11. Prior to the December 26, 2008 telephone call from Mr. Adams, Jr., there was not any contact between myself or any of my representatives with Governor Blagojevich or any of his representatives regarding my appointment to the United States Senate.

**FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.**



**ROLAND W. BURRIS**

**Senate-Designate for the State of Illinois**

Subscribed and sworn to me  
this 5<sup>th</sup> of January, 2009

  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**