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## EXHIBIT Z

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02/17/2021

Kandi Hidde Frost Brown Todd LLC 201 North Illinois Street - Suite 1900 P.O. Box 44961 Indianapolis, IN 46244

Dear Ms. Hidde:

This office is presently conducting a review of our pending Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to ascertain if the requested documents are still desired. Your 05/21/2018 FOIA request is a part of this review (copy enclosed).

We apologize for the delay in responding to your request. However, because of the increasing number of requests received by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), we found it necessary to adopt the ruling in the case of <u>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution</u> Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976) and exercise due diligence by following a first-in, first-out FOIA processing.

If you are still interested in receiving the documents, please sign this letter below and return it to me via fax transmission on (443) 380-7260, or e-mail to doris.davis@cms.hhs.gov and we will complete the processing of your request. If we have not received this letter within 10 working days from the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in receiving the documents and the case will be administratively closed.

For further information concerning this matter, please contact Doris Davis, (410) 786-5915.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Tripline

Joseph Tripline Director, Division of FOIA Analysis – A Freedom of Information Group

Enclosures

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: