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Mike Faust, Director  
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Attorney General Mark Brnovich  
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**Re: Request for Formal Legal Opinion**

Dear General Brnovich,

The Department of Child Safety (DCS) is requesting a formal legal opinion regarding its obligation to keep confidential the identity of a reporting source to any entity outside the provisions of A.R.S. § 8-807(M) as is necessary to protect the identity and safety of a person who reports child abuse or neglect pursuant to 8-807(L). In such cases, do any of the Arizona Ombudsman-Citizens-Aide (AOCA) statutes authorize the Ombudsman access to the name of the individual who reported the abuse or neglect?

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mike Faust  
Director