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**Subject:** SAO Response to PRR 7731  
**Date:** Monday, September 8, 2025 9:12:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dear Mr. Patterson,

The Office of the Washington State Auditor has received and completed our response to your public records request sent in via email, as follows:

***Submission of Documentation – Program Misrepresentation / Section 8  
Housing Fraud / Custody and Benefits Verification (Sealed Review Requested)***

***Dear DCYF, DSHS TANF, Pierce County Housing Authority Compliance/Fraud  
Division, Catholic Community Services, and Fraud Review Units:***

***I am submitting this email to formally document that I have provided a  
complete package containing a cover letter and a full range of supporting  
exhibits concerning custody verification, program participation, and  
suspected misrepresentation involving public housing and benefits.***

***This submission is intended strictly for internal fraud review and contains  
sensitive documentation, including legal guardianship confirmation, Social  
Security benefit records, and housing program details. Please seal this record  
from public access, as it involves protected information regarding minor  
children and sensitive benefit data.***

***Additionally, I would like to specifically note that one of the attached exhibits  
includes a 1099 form for the 2024 tax year related to Social Security death  
benefits for one of the minors. The amount listed on the form should be  
disregarded, as it was included unintentionally and should have been  
redacted to protect the child's financial privacy. The amount and the minor's  
name must not be used, shared, or referenced in any public, external, or third-  
party setting. This exhibit, and all related materials, must be treated as sealed  
and confidential.***

***This matter may also fall under the jurisdiction of Section 8 housing fraud and  
should be referred to the Pierce County Housing Authority's Compliance and  
Fraud Division. Catholic Community Services may be involved due to their role  
in reunification housing support and related housing assistance programs in  
Pierce County.***

***Please confirm receipt of this email and the attached materials. I am available to respond to any follow-up requests or provide clarification as needed.***

***Thank you for your attention and confidentiality.***

In response, SAO has received your documents. The documents have been reviewed. You have submitted this to the SAO public records request mailbox. These documents are not a request for public records from SAO. We will now consider this closed. SAO does not intend to further address the request, and the PRA's one-year statute of limitations to seek judicial review has started to run as of the date of this letter. Please contact us within 30 days by e-mail at [PublicRecords@sao.wa.gov](mailto:PublicRecords@sao.wa.gov), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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