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The Honorable Kelly Ayotte  
Office of the Attorney General  
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Dear General Ayotte,

Bishop McCormack asked me to follow up on his letter to you dated January 26, 2009, regarding our Action Plan in response to your most recent review of our safe environment program.

Please find enclosed with this letter both our response ("Diocese of Manchester Response to KPMG Recommendations - February 6, 2009") and our "Action Plan IV." The Response provides a detailed response to all of the recommendations made by KPMG in its December 11, 2008, report, some of which have been addressed since the 2008 site visit by KPMG and the remaining of which are addressed in Action Plan IV.

Action Plan IV, like the plans for 2005, 2006 and 2007, is a comprehensive written plan that sets forth our goals and objectives in response to the KPMG review and your letter of January 23, 2009. You will note that the Action Plan contemplates the fulsome use of the Diocesan Review Board as a responder to work product from the Office for Ministerial Conduct. Likewise, the Compliance Officer and Director of Safe Environment Programs provide input to Bishop McCormack in addition to the work of the Delegates for Ministerial Conduct.

In closing, as we contemplate the conclusion of this aspect of the relationship between your Office and mine, both Diane Murphy Quinlan and I want to state our own gratitude to you, your staff, and the KPMG auditors for your work in helping us to improve the quality and sustainability of our safe environment program. We are proud of the work that has been done by countless people engaged in the pastoral work of the Church and grateful for your contributions as well.

Sincerely yours,

Delegate for Ministerial Conduct

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cc: Diane Murphy Quinlan  
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