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Tamar Ghidalia
Hmong American Partnership
1075 Arcade St.
St. Paul, MN 55106

Dear Ms. Ghidalia:

I am very pleased to report that the Runaway Intervention Project has been selected to receive a 2008-09 Local Government Innovation Award from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

As a vital partner in this initiative, you deserve enormous credit for this very special recognition. I hope you will be able to join us at the awards program from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, in the Cowles Auditorium of the Humphrey Institute, 301 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota campus. I have been asked to give a brief presentation.

The award application was submitted as a highly successful public/nonprofit partnership involving the County Attorney's Office, Midwest Children's Resource Center, Sexual Offense Services of Ramsey County (Department of Public Health), the Hmong American Partnership, the St. Paul School District and the St. Paul Police Department.

Thank you very much for your important contributions to the Runaway Intervention Project. Much remains to be done, but the project already has helped many young girls get their lives back on a positive track. I look forward to continuing this critical work with you.

Sincerely,

Susan Gaertner
Ramsey County Attorney