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Dear Ms. Anderson:

The commission reviewed and considered your request for a meeting with the directors of various advocacy organizations as set forth in your letter dated November 22, 2002. Because of the commission's adjudicative responsibilities and its obligations with respect to matters pending before the commission, it is the view of the commission that the meeting as proposed would not be appropriate. The commission did ask that I respond to the extent possible to those areas about which you are seeking information.

Enclosed is a copy of the commission's 2001 annual report. Section II of the report describes the commission's procedures for handling complaints, investigations and formal proceedings. With respect to your inquiry regarding time frames for the handling of complaints, the commission endeavors to review all complaints within 60 days of their submission. If an investigation is authorized, the length of the investigation depends on many factors, primarily the number and type of allegations being investigated. In 2001, the commission completed its handling of 840 complaints. The average length of time from the commission's receipt of the complaint to disposition was 4 months. This average includes all cases, both those in which formal charges are brought and those that are resolved short of formal charges and the duration of any review proceedings in the Supreme Court.

If you or your organizations have or are aware of concerns over particular procedures or rules governing the work of the commission, we would appreciate your submitting them in writing.

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I hope that this information is helpful. The commission appreciates your interest in its work.

Yours very truly,

Victoria B. Henley

Director-Chief Counsel