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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Lizvette Torres
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Dear Ms. Torres:

Pursuant to the State of Florida's Public Records Act, American Oversight requests access to and copies of records related to R. Alexander Acosta's applications for state and federal grants since January 1, 2009. For reference, Mr. Acosta has served as Dean of Florida International University College of Law ("FIU Law") since 2009. Responsive records should include, but are not limited to:

1. All applications for state or federal grants made by FIU Law during Mr. Acosta's tenure as dean.
2. Any receipts of information regarding applications responsive to item 1.

In conducting your search, please know that Mr. Acosta has used several names professionally, and a search should include variations of his name including Rene Alexander Acosta, Rene Acosta Alexander Acosta, and Alex Acosta.

American Oversight seeks records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs. This request includes any letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations, or discussions. This request also includes any attachments to these records. Where possible, please produce records electronically, in PDF or TIF format on a USB drive.

If it is your position that any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, please state the basis of the exemption. Fla. Stat. §119.07(1)(e). Please explain in writing and with particularity the reasons for any determination that a record is exempt from disclosure. Fla Stat. §119.07(1)(f). In the event that a portion of a requested record is properly exempt from disclosure, please redact that portion and produce the remainder of the requested record. Fla. Stat. § 119.07(1)(d).

American Oversight agrees to pay up to \$100 for copies of the requested records. Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 119.07(4)(d), if copying fees are expected to exceed this amount, or if you anticipate

extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance will be needed to fulfill this request, please contact me.

If possible, I would prefer to receive this information electronically via e-mail at foia@americanoversight.org. Otherwise, please mail them to me at American Oversight, 1030 15th Street, NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If you have any questions, or need additional information, you can reach me via email at foia@americanoversight.org.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Austin R. Evers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight