VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Open Records Custodian
Office of the Governor
206 Washington Street
111 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
open.records@georgia.gov

Re: Open Records Request

Dear Records Custodian:

Pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Law (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 et seq.), American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that the Governor’s Office produce the following within three business days, or provide a written description of any responsive records with a timetable for their production within three business days:

All email communications (including emails, email attachments, and calendar invitations) regardless of subject matter between (a) any of the employees listed in Column A below and (b) any of the individuals listed in Column B below, including but not limited to at the email addresses and domains specified:

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<th>Column A: Governor’s Office Officials</th>
<th>Column B: Lobbyists</th>
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<td>a) Governor Brian Kemp</td>
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<td>b) Chief Operating Officer Lorri Smith</td>
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d) Assistant to the Governor Taylor Murray

e) Staff Assistant/Receptionist Judy Dyer

f) Deputy Chief of Staff Operations Charles Harper

g) Deputy Scheduler Morgan McCombs

h) Executive counsel David Dove

i) Chief of Staff Tim Fleming

d) CPS strategies (@cps-strategies.com)

e) John Haliburton (john@thrashgroup.com)

f) Brandon Scott Hembree (brandon@impactpublic.com, brandon.hembree@b2gsouth.com)

g) Lewis Massey (lewis@impactpublic.com, lewis.massey@b2gsouth.com)

h) Christy Tarallo (christy@impactpublic.com, christy.tarallo@b2gsouth.com)

i) Mo Thrash (mo@mccallaraymer.com)

Please provide all responsive records from January 14, 2019, through the date the search is conducted.

Please notify American Oversight of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of $100 prior to incurring such costs or fees.

American Oversight seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the term “record” in its broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions. Our request includes any attachments to these records. No category of material should be omitted from search, collection, and production.

In addition, American Oversight insists that your office use the most up-to-date technologies to search for responsive information and take steps to ensure that the most complete repositories of information are searched. American Oversight is available to work with you to craft appropriate search terms. However, custodian searches are still required; your office may not have direct access to files stored in .PST files, outside of network drives, in paper format, or in personal email accounts.

In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. If it is your position that a document contains non-exempt segments, but that those non-exempt segments are
so dispersed throughout the document as to make segregation impossible, please state what portion of
the document is non-exempt, and how the material is dispersed throughout the document. If a request
is denied in whole, please state specifically that it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the record
for release.

Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by
your office before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to
this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion,
including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate,
by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

To ensure that this request is properly construed, that searches are conducted in an adequate but
efficient manner, and that extraneous costs are not incurred, American Oversight welcomes an
opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or
duplication costs. By working together at the outset, American Oversight and your office can
decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in electronic format by email or in PDF or TIF
format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American
Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of
responsive records to American Oversight, please also provide responsive material on a rolling
basis.

Conclusion

American Oversight is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission to promote transparency in
government, to educate the public about government activities, and to ensure the accountability of
government officials. American Oversight uses the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to
educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. American Oversight also makes
materials it gathers available on its public website and promotes their availability on social media
platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter.¹

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks
forward to working with your office on this request. If you do not understand any part of this

¹ American Oversight currently has approximately 12,250 page likes on Facebook and 54,300
(last visited Oct. 15, 2019); American Oversight (@weareoversight), TWITTER,
request, have any questions, or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact Khahilia Shaw at records@americanoversight.org or 202.539.6507.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight