



May 27, 2021

**VIA EMAIL**

Public Information Officer  
Nevada Secretary of State  
101 North Carson Street, Suite 3  
Carson City, NV 89701  
[sospio@sos.nv.gov](mailto:sospio@sos.nv.gov)

**Re: Public Records Act Request**

Dear Public Information Officer:

Pursuant to the Nevada Public Records Act, N.R.S. Chapter 239, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

**Requested Records**

American Oversight requests that the Office of the Secretary of State produce the following records within five business days:

All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (a) Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske, or anyone communicating on Cegavske's behalf such as a Chief of Staff, scheduler, or assistant and (b) any of the external parties listed below.

Please provide all responsive records from November 1, 2020, through the date the search is conducted.

1. Jessica Anderson, Garrett Bess, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @heritageaction.com
2. Ed Meese, Bridgett Wagner, Hans von Spakovsky or any person communicating from an email address ending in @heritage.org
3. Kris Kobach (including, but not limited to, communications with the email [kkobach@gmail.com](mailto:kkobach@gmail.com) or [kris@kriskobach.com](mailto:kris@kriskobach.com))
4. J. (John) Christian Adams Maureen Riordan, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @publicinterestlegal.org or @electionlawcenter.com
5. Cleta Mitchell, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @freedomworks.org or @foley.com
6. Catherine Engelbrecht, Courtney Kramer, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @truethevote.org



7. Trent England, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @saveourstates.com
8. Ken Cuccinelli, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @sba-list.org, @americanprinciplesproject.org, or @electiontransparency.org
9. Leonard Leo, Jason Snead, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @honestelections.org, @fed-soc.org, or @jasonsnead.com
10. Tracie Sharp, Kathleen O'Hearn, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @spn.org
11. Bill McCollum, John Merrill, Andrew Wynne, Ruth Johnson, Tre Hargett, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @rslc.gop
12. Jenna Ellis, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @americangreatnessfund.com or @thomasmoresociety.org
13. Michael Bowman, Bill Meierling, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @alec.org
14. Florida GOP Chairman Joe Gruters (including but not limited to communications with the email gruters.joe@flsenate.gov)
15. James Bopp, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @bopplaw.com
16. Will Consovoy, Michael Connally, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @consovoymccarthy.com
17. Jason Torchinsky or any person communicating from an email address ending in @hvjt.law
18. Stefan Passatino, Justin Clark, or any person communicating from an email address ending in @michaelbest.com

Please note that American Oversight does not seek, and that this request specifically excludes, the initial mailing of news clips or other mass-distribution emails. However, subsequent communications forwarding such emails are responsive to this request. In other words, for example, if Secretary Cegavske received a mass-distribution news clip email sent by one of the external parties, that initial email would not be responsive to this request. However, if Secretary Cegavske forwarded that email to another individual with his own commentary, that subsequent message would be responsive to this request and should be produced.

### **Guidance Regarding the Search & Processing of Requested Records**

In connection with its request for records, American Oversight provides the following guidance regarding the scope of the records sought and the search and processing of records:

- Please search all locations and systems likely to have responsive records, regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics.

- Our request for records includes any attachments to those records or other materials enclosed with those records when they were previously transmitted. To the extent that an email is responsive to our request, our request includes all prior messages sent or received in that email chain, as well as any attachments to the email.
- Please search all relevant records or systems containing records regarding agency business. Do not exclude records regarding agency business contained in files, email accounts, or devices in the personal custody of your officials, such as personal email accounts or text messages.
- 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. N.R.S. § 239.010(3). If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically why 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 the agency 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.

### **Conclusion**

If you have any questions regarding how to construe this request for records or believe that further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records of interest to American Oversight, please do not hesitate to contact American Oversight to discuss this request. 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 agency can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in an electronic format by email. Alternatively, please provide responsive material in native format or in PDF 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.

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

understand any part of this request, please contact Hart Wood at [records@americanoversight.org](mailto:records@americanoversight.org) or (202) 873-1743

Sincerely,

/s/ Hart Wood  
Hart Wood  
on behalf of  
American Oversight