



July 26, 2021

VIA EMAIL

David Scanlan
Deputy Secretary of State
State House, Room 204
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Re: Right-to-Know/Public Records Request

Dear Deputy Secretary Scanlan:

Pursuant to Part I, Article 8 of the New Hampshire Constitution, and New Hampshire's Right-to-Know Law, as codified at RSA Chapter 91-A, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

On June 9, 2021, American Oversight sought records regarding the Town of Windham's investigation of the November 2020 election, including regarding the selection of auditors and the potential contributions of external political interests. In response to that request, the Office of the Secretary of State produced records indicating that Secretary of State William Gardner has had phone conversations with a number of individuals involved in the audit of the November 2020 election in New Hampshire and in similar operations in other states, including but not limited to a call with Ken Bennett on April 28, 2021.

American Oversight seeks records with the potential to shed light on these conversations.

Requested Records

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

1. All records reflecting the content of any phone calls (such as handwritten or typed notes, summaries, readouts, or other memorialization) between (a) Secretary of State Gardner and (b) any of the individuals listed below:

Specified Individuals:

1. Ken Eyring
 2. Marylyn Todd
2. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google



Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between (a) Secretary of State Gardner and (b) any of the individuals listed below:

Specified Individuals:

1. Colonel Phil Waldron (including, but not limited to, phil@onewarrior.com or p@bonfiresearch.org)
2. Russell Ramsland (including, but not limited to ryuks9sq@alliedspecialops.us)
3. J. Keet Lewis, and/or anyone communicating on behalf of Allied Security Operations Group (including anyone communicating from an email address ending in @alliedspecialops.us)
4. Arizona Senate Liaison Ken Bennett (including, but not limited to kbennettaz7@gmail.com, kbazsos@gmail.com, kjbennettaz@gmail.com, arizonaaudit@gmail.com)
5. Arizona Senate Liaison Randy Pullen (including, but not limited to rpullen13@gmail.com)
6. Arizona Senate Deputy Liaison Julie Fisher
7. Arizona State Representative Mark Finchem (including, but not limited to, markfinchem@me.com), or his aide April Riggins

Please provide all responsive records from March 1, 2021, through the date the search is conducted.

Pursuant to RSA § 91-A:4, IV, I ask that any charges in connection with processing this request for records not exceed the actual cost of providing the copy, if any.

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

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. For instance, if the request seeks “communications,” please search all locations likely to contain communications, including relevant hard-copy files, correspondence files, appropriate locations on hard drives and shared drives, emails, text messages or other direct messaging systems (such as iMessage, WhatsApp, Signal, or Twitter direct messages), voicemail messages, instant messaging systems such as Lync or ICQ, and shared messages systems such as Slack.

- In conducting your search, please understand the terms “record,” “document,” and “information” in their 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 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 that any responsive records are exempt from disclosure, in whole or in part, please state specifically the justification for the withholding with reference to the applicable section of the Right-to-Know Law or other legal authority that exempts the information from disclosure.
- 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 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.

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.

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 agency on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, please contact Emma Lewis at records@americanoversight.org or 202.539.6507.

Sincerely,

/s/ Emma Lewis

Emma Lewis on behalf of American Oversight.

¹ American Oversight currently has approximately 15,600 page likes on Facebook and 106,600 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/> (last visited Jul. 20, 2021); American Oversight (@weareoversight), Twitter, <https://twitter.com/weareoversight> (last visited Jul. 20, 2021).