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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Public Records Officers:

Pursuant to Article I, section 24(a), of the Florida Constitution, and Florida's public records laws, as codified at Fla. Stat. Chapter 119, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that your office promptly produce the following:

1. Records reflecting the expenses and costs incurred for the deployment of Florida law enforcement personnel to the U.S.-Mexico border.
2. Records reflecting summaries, readouts, or after-action reports regarding the deployment of Florida law enforcement personnel to the U.S.-Mexico border.
3. Any formal or informal assessment or analysis provided to or created by your office regarding the deployment of Florida law enforcement personnel to the U.S.-Mexico border, including assessments or analyses regarding the legality of deployment or involving the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.
4. Any memoranda, order, or other document reflecting or outlining the scope of the deployment of Florida law enforcement personnel to the U.S.-Mexico



border, including limits placed on or authorities given to Florida law enforcement personnel deployed to the border.

5. Records sufficient to identify departments from which Florida law enforcement personnel have been deployed to the U.S.-Mexico border and where they have been deployed.

To be clear, American Oversight is not requesting the disclosure of names or other personally identifiable information, or privileged details about Florida law enforcement personnel deployed to the U.S.-Mexico border and does not object to the redaction of such information from responsive documents. To the extent that your agency maintains aggregated information, such as spreadsheets or database records that can be readily exported to spreadsheets, such documents would be responsive to this request.

6. Records sufficient to identify the number of arrests made by Florida law enforcement personnel deployed to the U.S.-Mexico border.
7. Records sufficient to identify the number of referrals made to Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) by Florida law enforcement personnel deployed to the U.S.-Mexico border.

Please provide all responsive records from March 1, 2021, 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 fee.

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 agency 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 agency 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 agency on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, have any questions, or foresee any problems in fully

¹ American Oversight currently has approximately 15,700 page likes on Facebook and 107,300 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/> (last visited Aug. 5, 2021); American Oversight (@weareoversight), Twitter, <https://twitter.com/weareoversight> (last visited Aug. 5, 2021).

releasing the requested records, please contact Taylor Stoneman at records@americanoversight.org or (202) 848-1319.

Sincerely,

/s/ Taylor Stoneman
Taylor Stoneman
on behalf of
American Oversight