August 22, 2022



VIA EMAIL

Attn: Jotonna Tulloch Open Records Officer Georgia Department of Law 40 Capitol Square SW Atlanta, GA 30334 <u>Open_records@law.ga.gov</u>

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 Georgia Attorney General's Office produce the following within three business days:

All email communications (including email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) <u>sent by</u> the officials listed in Column A to the external individuals or entities listed in Column B below.

Please provide all responsive records from May 1, 2022, to the date the request is received.

Column A: Georgia Attorney		Column B: External Entities
General's Office officials		
a.	Attorney General Chris Carr (or	1. Anyone with an email address
	anyone communicating on his	ending in @safegraph.com
	behalf, such as an assistant or	2. Anyone with an email address
	scheduler)	ending in @placer.io
b.	Travis Johnson (Chief of Staff)	3. Anyone with an email address
с.	Wright Banks (Chief Deputy	ending in @placer.ai
	Attorney General)	4. Anyone with an email address
d.	Kathleen M. Pacious (Deputy	ending in @digitalenvoy.com
	Attorney General of the	5. Anyone with an email address
	General Litigation Division)	ending in @gravyanalytics.com
e.	Beth Burton (Deputy Attorney	6. Anyone with an email address
	General of the Criminal Justice	ending in @fb.com
	Division)	7. Anyone with an email address
	,	ending in @acxiom.com

f.	John Fowler (Deputy Attorney	8. Anyone with an email address
	General for the Prosecution	ending in @babelstreet.com
	Division)	9. Anyone with an email address
g.	John Watson (Director of	ending in @venntel.com
8.	External Affairs and Policy)	10. Anyone with an email address
h.	Stephen Petrany (Solicitor	ending in @glow.app
11.	General)	11. Anyone with an email address
i.	Kara Richardson	ending in @glowing.com
1.	(Communications Director)	12. Anyone with an email address
	(communications Director)	ending in @hvflabs.com
		13. Anyone with an email address
		ending in @flo.health
		14. Anyone with an email address
		ending in @naturalcycles.com
		15. Anyone with an email address
		ending in @digitalchemy.us
		16. Anyone with an email address
		ending in @simpleinnovation.us
		17. Anyone with an email address
		ending in @helloclue.com
		18. Anyone with an email address
		-
		ending in @thestardustapp.com 19. Anyone with an email address
		-
		ending in @mixpanel.com 20. Anyone with an email address
		ending in @gpapps.com
		21. Anyone with an email address
		ending in @oviahealth.com
		22. Anyone with an email address ending @babycenter.com
		23. Anyone with an email address
		ending in @simpledesign.ltd
		24. Anyone with an email address
		ending in @plackal.in
		25. Anyone with an email address
		ending @maya.live
		26. Anyone with an email address
		ending in @mia.health
		27. Anyone emailing from the email
		address <u>linchpin.health@gmail.com</u>
		28. Anyone with an email address
		ending in @atlasv.com
		29. Anyone with an email address
		ending in @womenhelp.org
		30. Anyone emailing from the email
		address <u>drip@mailbox.org</u>
		31. Anyone emailing from the email
		address <u>bloodyhealth@mailbox.org</u>

32. Anyone with an email address
ending in @bodyliteracy.co
33. Anyone with an email address
ending in @usepow.app
34. Anyone emailing from the email
address
periodcalendar.feedback@gmail.com

In an effort to accommodate your office and reduce the number of potentially responsive records to be processed and produced, American Oversight has limited the request to emails <u>sent by</u> the specified officials in Column A to the external individuals and entities in Column B. To be clear, however, American Oversight still requests that complete email chains be produced, displaying both sent and received messages, and any document attachments therein.

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. Records of official business conducted using unofficial systems or stored outside of official files are subject to the Open Records Act.¹
- 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

¹ O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70(b)(2).

website and promotes their availability on social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter.²

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with you on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, have any questions, or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact Khahilia Shaw at <u>records@americanoversight.org</u> or 202.539.6507.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Khahilia Shaw</u> Khahilia Shaw on behalf of American Oversight

² American Oversight currently has approximately 16,000 followers on Facebook and 118,000 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, Facebook, <u>https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/</u> (last visited July 27, 2022); American Oversight (@weareoversight), Twitter, <u>https://twitter.com/weareoversight</u> (last visited July 27, 2022).