



August 24, 2022

**VIA U.S. MAIL**

Tazewell County Sheriff's Office  
140 School Street, Suite 3  
Tazewell VA, 24651  
Via U.S. Mail

**Re: Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3700, I, Anisha Hindocha, a resident of Virginia, make the following request for records.

**Requested Records**

I request that your office produce the following records within five working days:

All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) and text messages or messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, Twitter direct messages, Facebook messages, WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram, or Parler) between Sheriff Brian Hieatt and the specified external persons listed below (including, but not limited to, communications from the email addresses or domains specified below).

1. John Eastman (jeastman@claremont.org, jeastman@chapman.edu, john.eastman@colorado.edu, jeastman@ccg1776.com, or jeastman562@gmail.com), or anyone from the Claremont Institute (@claremont.org)
2. Catherine Engelbrecht, or anyone from True the Vote (@truethevote.org or @truethevote.com)
3. Anyone from Protect America Now (@protectamericanow.com)
4. Gregg Phillips (@patriotgames.com), or anyone from OPSEC Group LLC

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

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

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

In connection with its request for records, I provide 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.
- My 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 this request, this 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. 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 me, please do not hesitate to reach out to my counsel at the contact information listed below to discuss this request. We welcome an opportunity to discuss this request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, we 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 to the address listed below. 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 Anisha Hindocha, c/o American Oversight, 1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate the release of responsive records, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

**Conclusion**

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. I look forward to working with your agency on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, please contact my counsel Rachel Baron at [records@americanoversight.org](mailto:records@americanoversight.org) or (202) 897-2465.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Anisha Hindocha  
Anisha Hindocha