August 24, 2022



VIA EMAIL

GRAMA Coordinator Office of the Attorney General PO Box 140860 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-0860 <u>Ago grama coordinator@agutah.gov</u>

Re: Government Records and Access Management Act Request

Dear Agency GRAMA Responder:

Pursuant to the Utah Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA), Utah Code §§ 63G-2-101 et seq., American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

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, through the date of the search.

Column A: Utah Attorney General's			Column B: External Entities	
Office				
a.	Attorney General Sean Reyes (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.	Solicitor General Melissa	3.	Anyone with an email address	
	Holyoak		ending in @placer.ai	
c.	David Wolf (Assistant Attorney	4.	Anyone with an email address	
	General)		ending in @digitalenvoy.com	
d.	Lance Sorenson (Assistant	5.	Anyone with an email address	
	Attorney General)		ending in @gravyanalytics.com	
e.	Ric Cantrell (Chief of Staff)	6.	Anyone with an email address	
f.	Spencer Austin (Chief Criminal		ending in @fb.com	
	Deputy)	7.	Anyone with an email address	
g.	Brian L. Tarbet (Chief Civil		ending in @acxiom.com	
	Deputy)	8.	Anyone with an email address	
h.	Melissa A. Holyoak (Solicitor		ending in @babelstreet.com	
	General)	9.	Anyone with an email address	
i.	Daniel Burton (General Counsel)		ending in @venntel.com	

10.	Anyone with an email address
	ending in @glow.app
11.	Anyone with an email address
	ending in @glowing.com
12.	Anyone with an email address
	ending in @hvflabs.com
13.	Anyone with an email address
101	ending in @flo.health
14.	Anyone with an email address
11.	ending in @naturalcycles.com
15.	Anyone with an email address
15.	
10	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
20.	ending @maya.live
26.	Anyone with an email address
20.	ending in @mia.health
27.	Anyone emailing from the email
21.	0
00	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
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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.

Fee Waiver Request

In accordance with Utah Code § 63G-2-203(4)(a), American Oversight requests a waiver of fees associated with processing this request for records. Disclosure of the requested information will primarily benefit the public rather than a person, because the requested records will likely contribute to a better understanding of relevant government procedures by the general public in a significant way. Moreover, the request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes.

American Oversight requests a waiver of fees because disclosure of the requested information primarily benefits the public rather than a person.¹ The public has a significant interest in operations of the Utah state government, including any data sought or acquired by the Utah Attorney General's Office from data brokers or reproductive health apps. Records with the potential to shed light on this matter would contribute significantly to public understanding of Utah residents' privacy rights. American Oversight is committed to transparency and makes the responses agencies provide to public records requests publicly available, and the public's understanding of the government's activities would be enhanced through American Oversight's analysis and publication of these records.

Furthermore, this request is not for American Oversight's personal or financial interest. As described above, this request is primarily and fundamentally made for the purpose of educating the public and is not made for any commercial purposes. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, American Oversight does not have a commercial purpose and the release of the information requested is not in American Oversight's financial interest. American Oversight's mission is 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.²

¹ Utah Code § 63G-2-203(4)(a).

² American Oversight currently has approximately 16,000 followers on Facebook and 118,000 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, Facebook,

https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/ (last visited July 27, 2022); American

American Oversight has also demonstrated its commitment to the public disclosure of documents and creation of editorial content through regular substantive analyses posted to its website.³ Examples reflecting this commitment to the public disclosure of documents and the creation of editorial content include the posting of records and analysis related to the organization's investigations into misconduct and corruption in state governments;⁴ posting records and analysis of federal and state governments' responses to the Coronavirus pandemic;⁵ posting records received as part of American Oversight's "Audit the Wall" project to gather and analyze information related to the Trump administration's proposed construction of a barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border, and analyses of what those records reveal;⁶ and the posting of records related to an ethics waiver received by a senior Department of Justice attorney and an analysis of what those records demonstrated regarding the Department's process for issuing such waivers.⁷

Oversight (@weareoversight), Twitter, <u>https://twitter.com/weareoversight</u> (last visited July 27, 2022).

³ See generally News, American Oversight, <u>https://www.americanoversight.org/blog</u>. ⁴ See generally State Investigations, American Oversight,

https://www.americanoversight.org/states; see, e.g., State Government Contacts with Voting-Restriction Activists, American Oversight,

<u>https://www.americanoversight.org/investigation/state-government-contacts-with-voting-restriction-activists;</u> *Georgia's Voting Machines and Election Security*, American Oversight, <u>https://www.americanoversight.org/investigation/georgias-voting-machines-and-election-security</u>.

⁵ See, e.g., The Trump Administration's Response to Coronavirus, American Oversight, <u>https://www.americanoversight.org/investigation/the-trump-administrations-</u>

response-to-coronavirus; Tulsa Health Officials Initially Estimated Trump Rally Would Directly Lead to 2 to 9 Deaths, American Oversight,

https://www.americanoversight.org/tulsa-health-officials-initially-estimated-trumprally-would-directly-lead-to-2-to-9-deaths; Wisconsin Documents Offer Window into Early Uncertainty over COVID-19, American Oversight,

<u>https://www.americanoversight.org/wisconsin-documents-offer-window-into-early-uncertainty-over-covid-19</u>; In the Documents: Florida Health Department Efforts to Suppress Release of Coronavirus Records, American Oversight,

https://www.americanoversight.org/in-the-documents-florida-health-departmentefforts-to-suppress-release-of-coronavirus-records.

⁶ See generally Audit the Wall, American Oversight,

https://www.americanoversight.org/investigation/audit-the-wall; see, e.g., Border Wall Investigation Report: No Plans, No Funding, No Timeline, No Wall, American Oversight, https://www.americanoversight.org/border-wall-investigation-report-no-plans-nofunding-no-timeline-no-wall.

⁷ DOJ Records Relating to Solicitor General Noel Francisco's Recusal, American Oversight, <u>https://www.americanoversight.org/document/doj-civil-division-response-noel-francisco-compliance</u>; Francisco & the Travel Ban: What We Learned from the DOJ Documents, American Oversight, <u>https://www.americanoversight.org/francisco-the-travel-ban-what-we-learned-from-the-doj-documents</u>.

Accordingly, American Oversight qualifies for a fee waiver.

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 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.

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 Emma Lewis at <u>records@americanoversight.org</u> or (202) 919-6303. Also, if American Oversight's request for a fee waiver is not granted in full, please contact us immediately upon making such a determination.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Emma Lewis</u> Emma Lewis on behalf of American Oversight