



March 2, 2023

VIA EMAIL

Tracie Vickers
Coffee County Clerk and Records Officer
101 S. Peterson Ave.
Douglas, GA 31533
openrecordsrequest@coffeecounty-ga.gov

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 your office produce the following within three business 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 (a) former Coffee County Election Director Misty Hampton or County Attorney Anthony Rowell and (b) the external individuals or entities listed below.

Specified Entities and Individuals:

1. Bernard Kerik (bernardkerik@protonmail.com)
2. Boris Epshteyn (bepshteyn@gmail.com)
3. Carissa Keshel (ckeshel@protonmail.com)
4. Catherine Engelbrecht, Chelsea Magee, or anyone communicating from an email address ending in truethevote.org
5. Cleta Mitchell (cleta@cletamitchell.com), or any email address ending in bradleyfdn.org)
6. Conan James Hayes (conan@krknsys.com)
7. Christina Bobb (christina@cgbstrategies.com, christina.bobb@oann.com, and anyone communicating from an email address ending in oann.com)
8. Coffee County GOP Chairs Cathy Latham, Christopher Papierz (cjpapierz@gmail.com), or anyone communicating from the email address coffeerepublicans@gmail.com
9. Emily Newman (enewman@protonmail.com)



10. Garland Favorito (garlandf@msn.com, garlandf@voterga.net, and anyone communicating from an email address ending in voterga.net or voterga.org)
11. Gregg Phillips (gregg@opsec.group or gregg@patriotgames.com) or anyone communicating from an email address ending in opsec.group
12. Jim (James) Bopp, Jr. (jboppjr@aol.com) and anyone communicating from an email address ending in bopplaw.com
13. Jeff Lenberg (jeff.lenberg@wlpow.com)
14. Jenna Ellis (jenna.ellis.esq@gmail.com)
15. Jovan Hutton Pulitzer (jovanhuttonpulitzer@gmail.com)
16. Katherine Friess (kfriess@protonmail.com)
17. Lin Wood (lwood@linwoodlaw.com, lwood@fightback.law and anyone communicating from an email address ending in fightback.law)
18. Patrick Byrne, and anyone communicating from an email address ending in americaproject.com or theamericaproject.com
19. Phil Waldron (phil@onewarrior.com, p@bonfiresearch.org, and anyone communicating from an email address ending in bonfiresearch.org)
20. Phill Kline (phillklineva@gmail.com), Luis Cornelio (luis.cornelio@protonmail.com, lcornel001@citymail.cuny.edu), and anyone communicating on behalf of the Thomas More Society (@thomasmoresociety.org) or The Amistad Project
21. Russ Ramsland (yrku9sqs@protonmail.com, ryuks9sq@alliedspecialops.us, and anyone communicating from an email address ending in alliedspecialops.us)
22. Scott Hall (u3700@zebraduck.net)
23. Seth Keshel (skeshel@gmail.com, skeshel@protonmail.com)
24. Sidney Powell (sp@seeking-justice.org, sherlock1776@protonmail.com, sidney@federalappeals.com, and anyone communicating from an email address ending in federalappeals.com)
25. Todd Sanders (t@bonfiresearch.com, todd@krknsys.com), and anyone communicating from an email address ending in krknsys.com
26. William Charles Bundren, III (charles@bundrenlaw.net)
27. Former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn, and anyone communicating from an email address ending in generalflynn.com*
28. Ben Cotton (ben.cotton@cyfir.com, bencotton@cytechservices.com), and anyone communicating on behalf of CyFir (including anyone communicating from an email address ending in cyfir.com)*
29. Doug Logan (dlogan@cyberninjas.com, doug@fightback.law), and anyone communicating on behalf of Cyber Ninjas (including anyone communicating from an email address ending in cyberninjas.com)
30. Jim (James) Penrose (jim.penrose@bluevoyant.com), or anyone communicating from an email address ending in jimpenrose.org
31. David Bossie, including but not limited to communications from email address ending in gop.com or citizensunited.org*

*** In the event that your office requires a direct email address to perform its search, for this custodian, please use in your search the external individual's name as a search term, and the domain name, if provided.**

For example, a search for Patrick Byrne would include the following search terms:

- "Patrick Byrne"
- americaproject.com
- theamericaproject.com

Please provide all responsive records from November 3, 2020, through January 20, 2021.

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

¹ O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70(b)(2).

² American Oversight currently has approximately 16,000 followers on Facebook and 112,800 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/> (last visited Mar. 1, 2023); American

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 records@americanoversight.org or 202.539.6507.

Sincerely,

/s/ Khahilia Shaw
Khahilia Shaw
on behalf of
American Oversight

Oversight (@weareoversight), Twitter, <https://twitter.com/weareoversight> (last visited Mar. 1, 2023).