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Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State

March 10, 2020

Austin R. Evers
American Oversight

Sent via Electronic Mail in care of Mariuxi Pintado to: records@americanoversight.org

Re: Request for records, TX-SOS-20-0286, received: February 24, 2020 (SOS PIR No. 20-0217)

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter responds to your request for information under the Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "PIA"), which was received by the Office of the Texas Secretary of State (the "Office") via email on February 24, 2020 (the "Request").¹ In your Request, you indicate that you are seeking the following records dating back to November 1, 2019:

All communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between (1) any of the individuals listed below and (2) anyone communicating on behalf of Texas Public Policy Foundation (including, but not limited to, any email addresses ending in texaspolicy.com).

- a. Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs, and anyone communicating on her behalf, such as a scheduler or assistant*
- b. Deputy Secretary of State Jose A. "Joe" Esparza*
- c. Executive Assistant/Scheduler Linda Payne*
- d. Elections Division Director Keith Ingram*
- e. Elections Administration and Voter Registration Kristi Hart*
- f. General Counsel Adam Bitter*
- g. General Law Christina Adkins*

We are processing your Request in accordance with the terms of the PIA.² To that end, please find the attached documents responsive to your Request. We require more time to review our

¹ The Office operated on a skeleton-staff basis on March 2, 2020 in observance of Texas Independence Day. Therefore, the 10th business day from the date that we received your Request is today, March 10.

² The PIA applies only to information already in existence at the time that a governmental entity receives a request and does not require the entity to prepare or assemble new information in response to a request. See Tex. Gov't Code §§ 552.002, .021; *A & T Consultants, Inc. v. Sharp*, 904 S.W.2d 668, 676 (Tex. 1995); *Fish v. Dallas Indep. Sch. Dist.*, 31 S.W.3d 678, 681 (Tex. App.—Eastland 2000, pet. denied); Open Records Decision Nos. 452 at 2–3 (1986), 342 at 3 (1982), 87 (1975).

records and produce other responsive documents, if any. We will provide you any additional documents—to the extent such information is not excepted from disclosure under state or federal law—by 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2020. *See* Tex. Gov't Code § 552.221(d).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our office at (512) 463-5770.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Bitter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Bitter
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Enclosures



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Merci

Tue, Jan 28, 13:10

Want to try and grab coffee this week or next?

Tue, Jan 28, 15:10

Sure. Next week is better. I am off to nased tomorrow

Sounds good. Wednesday the 5th is the best time for me. I have a meeting at 3 and one at 9:30 but am otherwise free.

Mon, Feb 10, 15:31

Do you remember the number of that Zaffarini bill?



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Alicia >

Do you remember the number of that Zaffarini bill?

SB 1638 I think

Thanks! She has so many bills. Looks like this is it:

Good

Fri, Feb 14, 12:04

Did we ever figure out if the reasonable impediment affidavits are subject to PIRs?

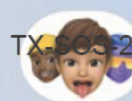
They are indeed

Beautiful

Btw, I think Chuck from our office is going to call you about disability requirements for vote



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Fri, Feb 14, 13:43

DeVore here. Were military counted differently in 2014? I'm only seeing 3 mail ins for the whole state aged 18-23 that year vs. 7,748 in 2016.

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