



August 6, 2020

Via Email: foia@americanoversight.org

Sarah Wishingrad
American Oversight

RE: FOIL Request #2765

Dear Sarah Wishingrad:

This letter responds to your correspondence dated March 31, 2020, which pursuant to FOIL, requested:

seeks public records with the potential to shed light on whether and to what extent the federal government has lagged in its response to states' pleas for federal aid.

All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and attachments thereto) sent by

A) the specified officials in the Office of the Governor to

B) representatives of the federal government with email addresses ending in cdc.gov, fema.dhs.gov, hhs.gov, fda.gov, eop.gov, or mail.mil, containing any of the key terms listed below.

Specified Officials:

- a) Governor, Andrew Cuomo
- b) Chief of Staff, Jill DesRosiers
- c) Communications Director, Dani Lever
- d) Director of Washington Office and Counsel for Federal Affairs, Alexander Cochran
- e) Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs, Lisa Santeramo
- f) Assistant Secretary for Human Affairs, Kerri Neifield
- g) Executive Deputy Secretary, Joseph Rabito

Key Terms:

- 1) Test
- 2) Testing
- 3) Kit

- 4) Defect
- 5) coronavirus
- 6) COVID
- 7) “SARS-cov-2”
- 8) “2019-nCoV”
- 9) Wuhan
- 10) Hubei
- 11) EUA
- 12) “Emergency Use”
- 13) LDT
- 14) CLIA
- 15) 564
- 16) Epidemic
- 17) Pandemic
- 18) Contagion
- 19) Infect
- 20) Isolate
- 21) Quarantine
- 22) Lockdown
- 23) R0
- 24) “Army Corps”
- 25) ACE
- 26) “face mask”
- 27) N95
- 28) Ventilator
- 29) ICU
- 30) “surge capacity”
- 31) hospital
- 32) Panic
- 33) Alarm
- 34) Desperate
- 35) Disaster
- 36) Relief
- 37) Primer
- 38) “Viral RNA”
- 39) Reagent
- 40) Swabs
- 41) “Drive-thru”
- 42) “drive thru”
- 43) PPE
- 44) Shortage
- 45) Shortages
- 46) “Defense Production Act”
- 47) DPA
- 48) Nationalize
- 49) Wadsworth
- 50) “medical ship”
- 51) “The Comfort”
- 52) “New Rochelle”
- 53) “Young Israel”
- 54) “containment area”

Please provide all responsive records from February 4, 2020, through March 20, 2020.

The New York State Executive Chamber has conducted a diligent search of available records and has not located any records responsive to your request.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law § 89(4)(a), you have thirty (30) days to take a written appeal of this determination. You may appeal by writing: FOIL Appeals Officer, Executive Chamber, State Capitol, Albany, New York, 12224.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jaclyn Clemmer', is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

Jaclyn Clemmer
FOIL Counsel &
Records Access Officer