

Subject: No Responsive Records - Open Records Request # 62946
Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 10:53:16 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Lord, Clarence
To: records@americanoversight.org

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Good morning Austin,

I am writing in response to your recent Open Records Act Request. Your request was forwarded to the program administrators of DCH. After an exhaustive search, DCH does not maintain custody of responsive records to your request.

This will conclude fulfillment of your request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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To: records@americanoversight.org
Subject: Acknowledgement of Open Records Request # 62946

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) acknowledges receipt of your Open Records Act Request #62946 which was received by the Office of General Counsel on 11/19/2020. You have requested the following :

GA-DCH-20-2757:

All electronic communications (including email messages, complete email chains, text messages, and messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp)) between (a) Commissioner Frank W. Berry, III or Chief of Staff Marial Ellis, and (b) any of the federal officials listed below:

Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Seema Verma

CMS Chief of Staff Calder Lynch

Former CMS Chief of Staff Brady Brookes

Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin

Treasury Deputy Chief of Staff Zachary McEntree

Treasury Deputy Chief of Staff John Baylor

Please provide all responsive records from October 1, 2019, through November 2, 2020.

Open Records has routed your request to the Division(s) who may have responsive records. Your request is being reviewed to preliminarily determine whether any records may exist that would be responsive. Under the Georgia Open Records Act (GORA) at O.C.G.A. §50-18-71(b)(1)(A), the statute provides that if responsive records exist but are unavailable within three business days, the agency is to provide the requester with a description of such records and a timeline for when the records will be available. At this time, we are determining whether responsive records exist. In the event such records do exist, we anticipate providing you with a timeline to respond to your request by 11/26/2020, and each week thereafter until such request is fulfilled. Should these records become available sooner they will be reviewed and supplied to you shortly there-after.

Please be advised that the Open Records Act has a provision that allows an agency to charge for the production of records. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71(d), DCH will provide a cost estimate and obtain your confirmation to pay the charges before finalizing the request if the cost to produce the records is in excess of \$25.00.

Please continue to correspond with us via the Open Records Mailbox (openrecordsrequest@dch.ga.gov) so that we may better assist you by keeping all interested parties up to date on this matter.

Thank you for your patience. Please advise if I can be of further assistance.

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