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Re: Request for Records

Dear Ms. Rasheed:

On February 9, 2021, we received your fax dated February 8, 2021 (we note the transmission date is February 9, 2021), requesting records in the possession of this office. In your fax, you request the following:

Pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA), Kan. Stat. §§ 45-215 et seq., American Oversight makes the following request for records.

In early December 2020, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton filed a lawsuit seeking to block various states from casting “unlawful and constitutionally tainted votes” in the Electoral College. Seventeen additional states, including Kansas, filed motions backing Texas’s efforts. Later public reporting indicated that in the days leading up to Texas’s filing, a group of Republican state attorneys general solicited U.S. Justice Department support from the Attorney General William Barr. [internal references omitted]

Accordingly, American Oversight seeks records concerning any attempts to petition the U.S. Department of Justice to support efforts to overturn election results.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that the Kansas Attorney General’s Office produce the following records within three business days:

1. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar attachments) between (a) any of

- the Kansas Attorney General’s Office officials listed in Column A, below, and (b) any of the external parties listed in Column B, below.
2. All text messages or communications on messaging applications similar in form to text messages (including, but not limited to, Signal, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, and Twitter direct messages) between (a) any of the Kansas Attorney General’s Office officials listed in Column A, below, and (b) any of the external parties listed in Column B, below.
 3. All records reflecting the content of any meetings or calls between (a) any of the Kansas Attorney General’s Office officials listed in Column A, below, and (b) any of the external parties listed in Column B, below, including, but not limited to, agendas, meeting minutes or summaries (including handwritten notes and informal email summaries), and any materials exchanged by participating parties.

Column A: Kansas Attorney General’s Office Officials	Column B: External Parties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Derek Schmidt, Attorney General, or anyone communicating on his behalf (such as an assistant or scheduler) ii. Anyone serving as Chief of Staff to Attorney General Schmidt iii. Toby Crouse, former Solicitor General iv. Anyone temporarily serving as Solicitor 	<p><u>State Attorneys General (including the named attorneys general and anyone communicating on their behalf such as a chief of staff, assistant or scheduler):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Steve Marshall, Alabama ii. Leslie Rutledge, Arkansas iii. Ashley Moody, Florida iv. Curtis Hill, Indiana (former) v. Jeff Landry, Louisiana vi. Lynn Fitch, Mississippi vii. Eric Schmitt, Missouri viii. Justin Smith, Missouri (Deputy Attorney General) ix. Tim Fox, Montana (former) x. Doug Peterson, Nebraska

<p>General or handling the responsibilities of the Solicitor General</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">xi. Wayne Stenehjem, North Dakotaxii. Mike Hunter, Oklahomaxiii. Alan Wilson, South Carolinaxiv. Jason Raynsborg, South Dakotaxv. Herbert Slatery, Tennesseexvi. Ken Paxton, Texasxvii. Sean Reyes, Utahxviii. Patrick Morrissey, West Virginia <p><u>Other:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. John Sauer, Missouri Solicitor General (including, but not limited to, at John.Sauer@ago.mo.gov <p><u>U.S. Department of Justice:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Bill Barr, former Attorney Generalii. Jeffrey Rosen, former Acting Attorney Generaliii. Will Levi, former Chief of Staff to Attorney General Barriv. Rachel Parker Bissex, former Deputy Chief of Staff to Attorney General Barrv. Patrick Hovakimian, Chief of Staff to former Acting Attorney General Rosenvi. Jeffrey Wall, former Solicitor Generalvii. Jeffrey Clark, former Acting Assistant
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Please provide all responsive records from November 3, 2020, through January 20, 2021.

On February 12, 2021, we sent you a letter acknowledging receipt of your request pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 45-218(d).

We have completed our search for records that are responsive to your request for records. Please be advised that we identified no records responsive to your request for records.

Because the effort to identify responsive records was de minimis, there will be no charge. This is consistent with the open records policy for this office, which provides that one record request in a twelve-month period that can be provided with less than one (1) hour of staff time or less than 25 pages will be provided at no charge.

I trust that this information is useful. Please feel free to contact us again concerning any matter within our jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEREK SCHMIDT



Philip R. Michael
Assistant Attorney General

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