

The Senate of West Virginia
Charleston

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VIA EMAIL

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Rasheed:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received on November 23, 2021. This response is filed within five business days, excluding weekends and holidays, of the request. Your request was reviewed in accordance with the West Virginia Code §29B-1-1 et. seq. and applicable legal standards. Based upon information and belief, this responds to your request in kind as follows:

American Oversight requests that the Office of Senator Patricia Rucker produce the following records within five business days:

- 1 All records reflecting the contents of and attendees at the 48th American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) Annual Meeting, held July 28-30, 2021, in Salt Lake City, Utah. This request encompasses any documents concerning the meeting or the contents of the meeting, including handouts, agendas, presentation materials, summaries, or notes (electronic or handwritten) provided to or created by Senator Rucker.***

Please provide all responsive records from May 1, 2021, through September 1, 2021.

The West Virginia Senate is not in possession of any records responsive to your request.

The Senate reserves its right to assert any exemption from disclosure pursuant to WVC §29B-1-4, the legislative immunity provisions of the West Virginia Constitution, Article VI, Section 17, WVC §4-1A-1 through -16, the deliberative process privilege, the common law, and other applicable law.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. The West Virginia Senate elects to waive assessing any fees respecting your request (WVC §29B-1-3). You are further advised that the Freedom of Information Act affords you the opportunity to seek injunctive or declaratory relief in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County.

This concludes the West Virginia Senate's response to your West Virginia Freedom of Information Act request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee Cassis".

Lee Cassis
Clerk of the Senate