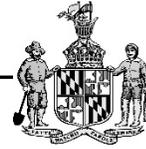

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April 11, 2022

Dear Khahilia Shaw:

This letter responds to your Public Information Act (“PIA”) request of March 28, 2022, in which you sought, from March 12, 2022, through March 22, 2022:

- “In the messaging application Wickr, all messages exchanged as direct messages between Governor Larry Hogan and any of the individuals listed below.
 - a) Chief of Staff Amelia Alcivar
 - b) Senior Advisor Ronald M. Gunzburger
 - c) Director of Public Affairs Colin J. Sweetin
 - d) Special Advisor Matthew McDaniel
 - e) Senior Advisor on COVID-19 David L. Marcozzi, M.D.
 - f) Deputy Chief of Staff Alexandra Keane
 - g) Policy Advisor Gabriella Wagner
 - h) Director of Communications Michael Ricci
 - i) Chief Legislative Officer Keiffer J. Mitchell, Jr.
 - j) Executive Assistant Kerri A. Walsh
 - k) Chief Legal Counsel Michael T. Pedone, Esq.”; and
- “In the messaging application Wickr, all messages exchanged in any chat room that has Governor Larry Hogan as a conversation participant, including, but not limited to, the following chat rooms:
 - a) COVID-19
 - b) ‘Inner sanctum’

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- c) 'Executive Team'
- d) 'Front Office.'"

After conducting a review of the records in the possession of the Office of the Governor, no documents responsive to your request have been found.

If you object to any aspect of this response, you are entitled to dispute resolution before the PIA Ombudsman pursuant to Maryland Code, General Provisions Article ("GP") §§ 4-1B-01 to -04. You are also, pursuant to GP § 4-362, entitled to judicial review of the decision. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact me at (410) 974-2741 or Christopher.mincher@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Mincher
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