

**Subject:** Fw: Outstanding Public Records Requests  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 4:54:01 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Rachel Baron  
**To:** AO Records  
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**From:** Nerison, Kyler <Kyler.Nerison@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 4:52 PM  
**To:** Rachel Baron <rachel.baron@americanoversight.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Outstanding Public Records Requests

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon, Rachel.

Below is an updated on each request. The cost estimates provided are based on the hourly rate of the employee(s) who would be identifying responsive records.

MT-AG-21-1023 – Documents responsive to your request are attached to this email. I had hoped to have all documents done today but will continue to work on this and produce responsive documents on a rolling basis. I don't think this will take more than another couple of weeks.

MT-AG-22-0261 – We estimated this request would take 12.25 hours to search for and gather potentially responsive documents at an average employee hourly rate of \$41.11 per hour.

MT-AG-22-0283 – We estimated this request would take 4.75 hours to search for and gather potentially responsive documents at an average employee hourly rate of \$36.39 per hour.

MT-AG-22-0386 – We have no responsive records.

MT-AG-22-0424 – It appears this initial estimate was incorrect. We estimated this request would take 12.25 hours to search for and gather potentially responsive documents at an average employee hourly rate of \$40.08 per hour for a total of \$490.98. This estimate was developed without including the search term "Corrigan." As you'll note, one of the employees from whom you requested records is named Christian Corrigan so any search he performs will return every single one of his emails. The other employees from whom you requested emails also correspond frequently with him and would face similar obstacles. We will honor the original estimate of \$327.93, omitting the search term "Corrigan."

MT-AG-22-0538 – We estimated this request would take 3.25 hours to search for and gather potentially

responsive documents at an average employee hourly rate of \$24.10 per hour for a total of \$78.32.

MT-AG-0646 – We estimated this request would take 35.33 hours to search for and gather potentially responsive documents at an average employee hourly rate of \$35.35 per hour for a total of \$1,248.91.

MT-AG-22-0661 – We have no responsive records.

MT-AG-0843 – We estimated this request would take 45.33 hours to search for and gather potentially responsive documents at an average employee hourly rate of \$38.18 per hour for a total of \$1,839.20.

MT-AG-0844 – We estimated this request would take 77.58 hours to search for and gather potentially responsive documents at an average employee hourly rate of \$42.00 per hour for a total of \$3,258.21.

MT-AG-0844 – We estimated this request would take 2.92 hours to search for and gather potentially responsive documents at an average employee hourly rate of \$34.42 per hour for a total of \$100.39.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

**Kyler Nerison**

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**From:** Nerison, Kyler

**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 9:31 AM

**To:** Rachel Baron <[rachel.baron@americanoversight.org](mailto:rachel.baron@americanoversight.org)>

**Subject:** RE: Outstanding Public Records Requests

Good morning, Rachel. Thank you for bringing this to my attention. We will respond before the date requested.

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**From:** AO Records <[records@americanoversight.org](mailto:records@americanoversight.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 2:57 PM  
**To:** Contact DOJ <[contactdoj@mt.gov](mailto:contactdoj@mt.gov)>; Nerison, Kyler <[Kyler.Nerison@mt.gov](mailto:Kyler.Nerison@mt.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rachel Baron <[rachel.baron@americanoversight.org](mailto:rachel.baron@americanoversight.org)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Outstanding Public Records Requests

Please see the attached time-sensitive correspondence.

Best,  
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