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Sent via email: records@americanoversight.org

Ms. Lewis:

This letter is being sent in response to the public records requests you filed with our office on September 6, 2022, and follows the 10-day extension letter emailed to you on September 9.

Materials responsive to your request are attached. Please note that in one email, the attorney general's Delta account and password have been redacted. If this information falls within the intended scope of your request, please follow up with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Graf".

Scott Graf
Public Information Officer

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Enclosure

Kriss Bivens Cloyd

From: Lawrence Wasden
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 1:38 PM
To: Lawrence G. Wasden; Tracey Wasden
Subject: Fwd: Ahlquist: Voters Must say no to slate of dangerous extremists running in May 17 GOP Primary

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Reader Comment: Voters Must say no to slate of dangerous extremists running in May 17 GOP Primary

- TOMMY AHLQUIST

- May 1, 2022



Like most Idahoans, I grew up in a conservative family, deeply rooted in our faith and values. As a husband and father, I have endeavored to instill in my own family those same principles and virtues. As an entrepreneur, I have experienced how regulations can hamstring economic prosperity and believe deeply in a limited form of government that empowers individuals to create and grow businesses to solve community problems locally.

I am a conservative Republican, through and through, and I know most of my fellow Republicans in Idaho value the same things I do: freedom, fairness, and the rule of law. As we Republicans prepare to cast our ballots in the approaching

May 17 primary, I must speak up in warning about a dark and growing drift towards fringe, extremist power in our state. This drift is driven largely by those who openly denounce the Idaho Republican Party while seeking to take it over. They claim to be speaking for the people of Idaho while only serving their secret out-of-state masters.

Leading their charge in Idaho is gubernatorial candidate Janice McGeachin, whose irresponsibility is outmatched only by her lack of regard for the rule of law. Consider:

- Janice McGeachin recorded a speech broadcast Feb. 26 at AFPAC, where she openly courted the most extreme fringes of society—including pro-Putin, QAnon conspiracy theorists, January 6 insurrectionists, and Holocaust deniers—on a national stage.
- McGeachin formed a committee for the sole purpose of harassing and targeting Idaho school teachers. After refusing to provide public documents under a public records request, she asked taxpayers to foot her ensuing legal bills for breaking the law.
- McGeachin’s relatively modest office budget has been decimated and mismanaged to the point where she has no staff and the state will garnish her wages for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- McGeachin has employed staff who brag about shooting law enforcement on social media.
- McGeachin continues to court people who use intimidation and violent threats to terrorize and expose private information about private citizens – including judges, hospital workers, and police officers endangering their lives for just doing their jobs.
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- Looking further down the ticket at McGeachin’s associates does not inspire much hope either.

Consider also:

- Lieutenant Governor candidate Priscilla Giddings publicly revealed the name and face of a teenage legislative intern who has accused Giddings’

fellow Freedom Caucus lawmaker of sexual assault – a craven example of playing politics with people’s lives. Early in her legislative career, Giddings threatened, accused and belittled colleagues who voted differently than she did. Her bully tactics have no place in our Statehouse.

- Attorney General candidate Raul Labrador has a long history of being ineffective. As our Congressman, he was unable to pass any meaningful legislation. Now, he wants to create more chaos by becoming an Attorney General who interprets the Idaho Constitution through a dangerously political lens for his own personal gain.
- Secretary of State candidate Dorothy Moon is unqualified for the job. She makes no secret of her admiration for militia members and extremists. She was the keynote speaker at the national John Birch Society 60th anniversary celebration alongside known domestic terrorists like Matt Shea. Dorothy made headlines for her emotional reunion with Ammon Bundy after he left the jail in Las Vegas, and asked the Idaho House of Representatives to give a round of applause for her “friend” Eric Parker, the Bundy Sniper and founder of the III% militia.
- Lastly, there is Branden Durst, the extremist candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, who is running as a Republican despite having previously been elected to the legislature as a Democrat. From domestic violence incidents, to being held in contempt of court, to cursing and insulting a state senator in the Idaho Capitol, at every turn, Durst expresses true disdain for our values, our school board trustees, and the notion that local people know what is best for their districts.

While McGeachin is the most dangerous candidate in the Republican primary because she’s seeking our highest state office, she’s clearly not alone in espousing deeply dangerous views that threaten the rule of law in our communities and our very way of life. The only rules this group respects are the ones they write for themselves.

In short, these five are the true Republicans in name only. They publicly pledge allegiance to conservative values and drape themselves in the flag while they hijack our party to extremes that have reckless disregard for the people of Idaho, the Constitution and our values. Their election puts the very future of our state—

and the futures of our children and grandchildren—at grave risk. When you detest the very institutions you seek to lead, chaos and destruction always ensues.

My fellow Idaho Republicans, the stakes could not be higher this May.

Let's get back to electing qualified candidates who will solve real problems instead of manufacturing chaos, who are able to work well with other Republicans instead of dividing us further, and who share values with the law-abiding citizens of Idaho. Idaho is too great for anything less.

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Dear Cougar Bay Voters:

For the last several years as you know we have been wrestling with North Idaho Maritime's continued illegal use of Cougar Bay as their personal marine material dumpsite, dock building material storage site, (currently happening with steel pipe being stored in the bay) along with their previous request for a year round dock construction facility which was to be built in the middle of Cougar Bay.

Last fall the Idaho Department of Lands finally was able to get North Idaho Maritime to sign an agreement for a permit to use Cougar Bay for Winter Dock storage only. In that agreement NIM is required to remove their derelict docks and floating debris in the bay by June 1st, 2022.

During our quest we contacted several Politicians for assistant to stop NIM's request for that year-round dock building platform AND to get them to follow Idaho Law and obtain a legal permit which required them to pay the citizens of Idaho for use of its public waterways. (lease for winter dock storage).

Here is a list of those Politicians who stood up and supported the 118+ residents of Cougar Bay and a list of those who **DID NOT** support us sending letters of support for North Idaho Maritime proposal to the Department of Lands.

Our elected officials who actually stepped up and supported the citizens of North Idaho:

- Idaho State Attorney General Lawrence Wasden
- Idaho Deputy Attorney General Darrell Early
- Idaho State Representative Tony Wisniewski

Here is a list of those who pretty much **"dropped the ball"** on representing the citizens of Idaho:

- Idaho Representative Jim Addis. (who wrote a **VERY** insulting letter regarding the residents of Cougar Bay while supporting North Idaho Maritime)
- Representative Ron Mendive. (once contacted did nothing to support)
- The city council to the City of Coeur d'Alene - no response from any of them.
- Kootenai County Commissioner Leslie Duncan (wrote a letter of support for NIM)

In this next election please remember those who did step up and those who **DID NOTHING** to represent the citizens of Coeur d'Alene and to protect the quality of Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Thank You
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Idaho needs a workhorse in the attorney general's office, not a 'show horse'

BY BOB KUSTRA

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On May 5, Congressman Raul Labrador told a crowd at a town hall in Lewiston that lack of access to health care doesn't kill people. The crowd erupted in boos and gasps. BY TOM HANSEN



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During the many years I spent in politics, I've never been able to figure out just why some do it. We do need good people in government at every level, from the Congress of the United States to local school boards or city councils. We need people who run for elected office for the right reason — a genuine concern for their city, state or nation and an interest in making it better.

What we don't need are candidates who run just for the thrill of the ride or the attainment of power. Some who



Bob Kustra

lose never give up. Perennial candidates who just keep on searching for an office that will have him. They leave the impression it's not so much about the office that interests them, it's about capturing an office for the purpose of climbing to the next higher office. A case in point is the Idaho attorney general's race.

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The incumbent, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, a dedicated civil servant intent on serving the people of Idaho as the state of Idaho's lawyer, prides himself on playing by the rules, respecting the norms of Idaho's democratic process and, as he said recently in a debate, "calling the balls and strikes as he sees them."

Lawyers who know the law and how that office operates think he's done a fine job over recent years and deserves to be nominated for the office again in the upcoming primary.

That's the way it looked to me over the years I served as Boise State University president when we would occasionally have legal issues that required an opinion of the attorney general. We didn't always agree, but we knew he called the shots as he interpreted them in the law.

His most competitive opponent, Raúl Labrador, was one of the founding members of the Freedom Caucus where Republicans store their right-wing ideologues. He represented half of Idaho in Congress but quit to run for governor in 2018 against Brad Little, who was finishing his term as lieutenant governor, an office that is a natural progression to the governor's office.

Labrador didn't see it that way. He was convinced Idaho Republicans were just waiting for him to make his move for governor. That didn't work out so well for him when he lost to Brad Little in the Republican primary that year.

Labrador then reemerged as a member of the Central District Health Board where he demonstrated how little he knows about public health, but how committed he was to remaining in the public eye. Obviously playing to those who did not want a mandated mask requirement, Labrador went so far as to question the value of the mask in preventing the spread of COVID. No matter where one stands on mask requirements, the science behind the use of masks is clear. They work to prevent the spread of COVID, even the common cold, but with Labrador applying his political calculus to everything he touches, he proved just how far he will go to play to right-wing Idaho.

It should come as no shock that his board membership on the Central District Health Board proved undistinguished. Criticized as he was for his lack of any public health expertise, at a Lewiston town hall, he failed to show any appreciation of how the delivery of health care is related to socioeconomic status when he declared that "nobody dies because they don't have access to health care."

Labrador is back at it again, trying once again to resurrect his image and his record from one short on accomplishments and long on hyperpartisanship.

Once again, he will force Idaho Republicans to choose between his lack of experience, in this case the legal affairs of the state, and Wasden's impressive command of the issues that come before the attorney general's office.

This time, Labrador is pulling out all the stops, calling in the Club for Growth, an out-of-state, dark money outfit known mainly for its highly partisan attacks on Republicans who just don't measure up to its extremist agenda. Wasden is just the

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planning to draw from his gadfly days in the Freedom Caucus. He is good at that.

I'm old enough to remember when the GOP didn't tolerate political activists expanding beyond the law's original intent. Labrador's ads suggests he is likely to attack the actions and rulings of Idaho's elected officials and judges. Is that what the citizens of Idaho want in an attorney general, especially when the ulterior motive is serving as Idaho's "attack dog"? Just doesn't sound like Idaho to me.

Labrador joins a growing number of Republicans who have deserted Republican principles and tossed in with candidates and officeholders who challenge the rule of law and blithely ignore norms and practices of democratic government that are the signatures of our republic.

In Labrador's case, his latest candidacy proves he has little use for the Republican Party. I suspect this all about Raul and his personal agenda of setting himself up for another run for governor. Apparently, the office of AG is a mere steppingstone for a very ambitious politician who cares little for officeholders like Wasden, who are not highly ambitious activists.

Former Speaker of the House Carl Hayden coined a term for members of Congress who seem to spend lots of time sending out press releases and grabbing headlines as opposed to digging into the details of legislation before Congress and gaining the respect of his colleagues. If Hayden was around today, he'd have no trouble labeling Labrador a "show horse" rather than a "workhorse," more interested in sparring with Republicans and Democrats than searching for mutual agreement that might lead to bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Congress or the state of Idaho.

In one of the more insightful commentaries on Labrador's years in Congress, the online magazine, Politico, called him a loner during his years in Congress, even by House Freedom Caucus standards. According to Politico, "Hardly any member of Congress has been tougher on his own party's leadership, and less popular on Capitol Hill as a result." Politico also reported that House Speaker Paul Ryan at the time didn't shed any tears when Labrador left Congress to run for Idaho governor.

When you can't satisfy the conservative standards of Paul Ryan, you know the show horse just kicked the workhorse out of the barn.

Republican primary voters have an opportunity in the upcoming primary to send a message to Labrador that they cannot vote or support a gadfly exercising his political ambition.

Bob Kustra served as president of Boise State University from 2003 to 2018. He is host of Reader's Corner on Boise State Public Radio and he writes a biweekly column for the Idaho Statesman. He served two terms as Illinois lieutenant governor and 10 years as a state legislator.

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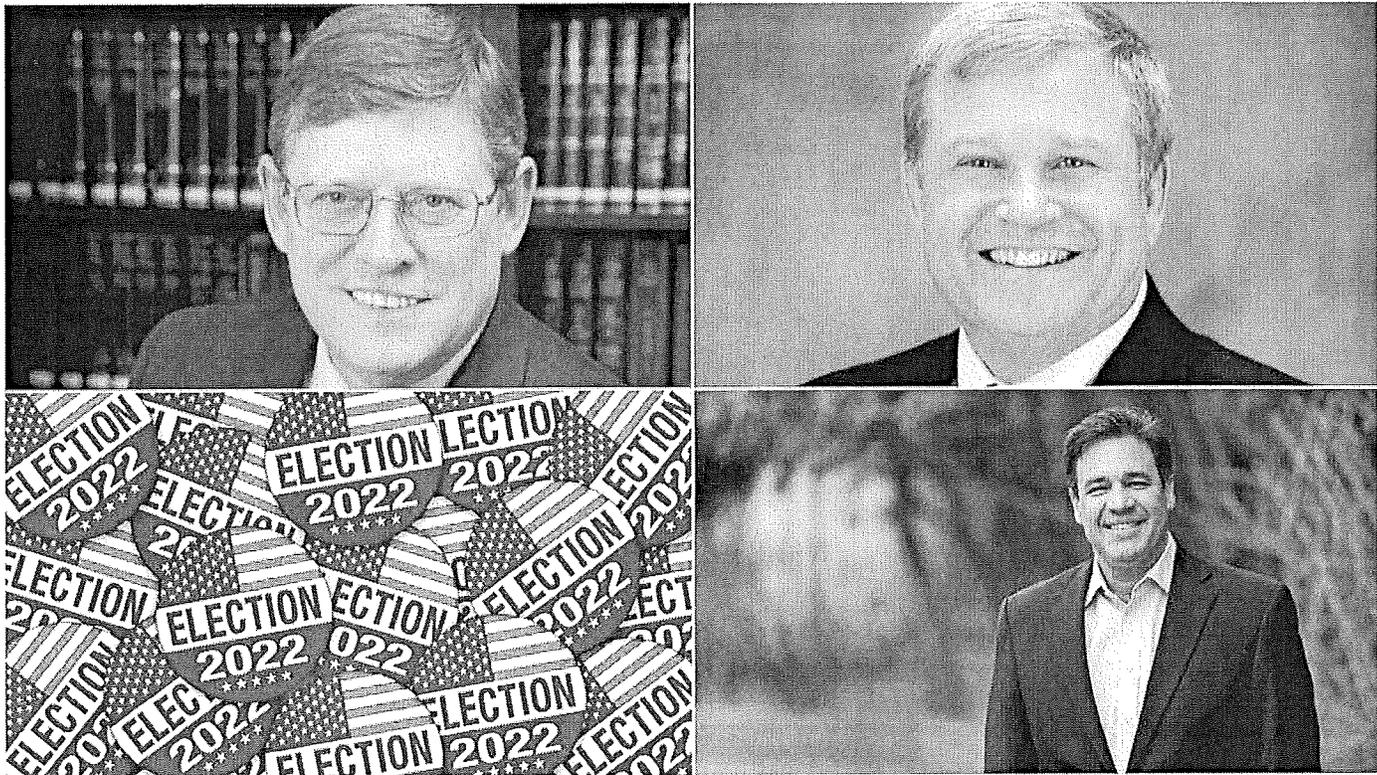
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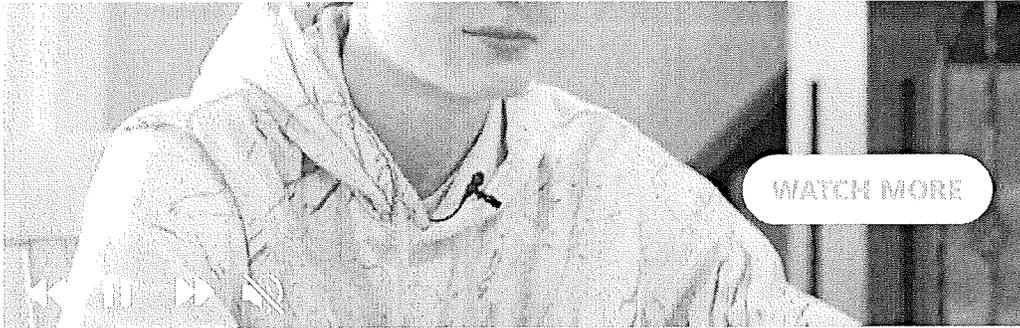
Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden could have joined a lawsuit filed by Texas' attorney general over the way some states handled the 2020 presidential election.

It would have been politically expedient for him to sign his name, issue a press release and check a box for the upcoming election.

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But he didn't.

Wasden knew that the lawsuit was baseless and that Idaho, along with other states, didn't have standing to sue another state over its election. Wasden's legal judgment proved correct just a couple of days later, when the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously declined the lawsuit on those very grounds.

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Still, Wasden could have joined to score political points.

In fact, his Republican primary opponents, Art Macomber and Raul Labrador, are trying to make political hay over Idaho's abstinence from the suit, arguing that the state needs a conservative fighter to stand up for what they see as conservative issues.

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He's right, and that's why Wasden earns the Idaho Statesman's endorsement in the Republican primary for Idaho attorney general.

Labrador declined to interview with the editorial board, and Macomber did not respond to our invitation. The Statesman will not endorse a candidate who does not interview with the editorial board.

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Wasden's opponents have made it clear that they intend to turn the office into a political bully pulpit, and that would be bad for Idaho and is the exact opposite of how the AG's office should function. We already have a state Legislature bent on making political statements through legislation that invariably gets blown out of the water in the courts. We don't need a political activist in the executive branch as well, enabling such costly behavior.

Wasden, 64, has been Idaho's attorney general since 2003, and he has guided the ship with a steady hand. He is the longest-serving attorney general in the state's history, having been in the office since 1989.

Wasden famously touts his record of "calling balls and strikes," even while some legislators have goaded him to "throw a curveball, a knuckleball, a change-up." No, the job of attorney general shouldn't be relegated to that of a slip-and-fall ambulance chaser. We'll stick with someone who calls balls and strikes, thank you.

Macomber, a practicing lawyer in Coeur d'Alene, presents the stronger

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One issue that perhaps best illustrates their differences is the way the governor and secretary of state made changes to election laws in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under Gov. Brad Little's emergency orders, the May 2020 primary was mail-in ballot only, and in-person voting was temporarily suspended.

Macomber sees that as a violation of the U.S. Constitution, which states that only state legislatures can determine the "times, places and manner of holding elections." Macomber thinks Wasden should have taken action to halt that action by the executive branch. That's a fair criticism.

Wasden argues that the Legislature passed enabling legislation that allows the governor to declare an emergency and enact such changes, therefore staying within the bounds of the Constitution.

Further, if the governor asks the attorney general to represent him, the attorney general is obligated by law to act as attorney for the governor, Wasden points out.

One of our main concerns with Macomber is that he would become too much of a lawsuit-happy attorney general, tilting at every windmill that he feels is a violation of the U.S. Constitution. Plan to open that legal fund checkbook if he's elected.

Meanwhile, Labrador, 54, a lawyer, former state legislator, former U.S. congressman and former chair of the Idaho Republican Party, speaks in generalities with few details to back up his positions. Attorney general just seems

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Wasden has run the attorney general’s office well, and he’s the best candidate in the upcoming Republican primary.

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From: [Lawrence Wasden](#)
To: [Janet Carter](#)
Subject: Re: BOARDING PASSES
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 10:59:46 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks

Lawrence Wasden

From: Janet Carter <janet.carter@ag.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 6:20:50 PM
To: Lawrence Wasden <lawrence.wasden@ag.idaho.gov>
Subject: BOARDING PASSES

Here are the boarding passes. Everything is more difficult with Delta!!! So, you may want to download the Delta app on your phone if you don't already have it. To access with your password, your membership number is [REDACTED] and password is [REDACTED]

Good luck Lawrence. Get to the airport with plenty of time...



Janet Carter | [Executive Assistant / Scheduler](#)
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Kriss Bivens Cloyd

From: Public Records Requests
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 4:19 PM
To: Kriss Bivens Cloyd
Subject: Fwd: Public Records Request Submission

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From: Emma Lewis <form-submission@ag.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 10:23 AM
To: Public Records Requests <publicrecords@ag.idaho.gov>
Subject: Public Records Request Submission

The following Public Records Request was submitted to our office on 09/06/2022.

CONSTITUENT INFORMATION

Emma Lewis
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005
United States

Email: records@americanoversight.org
Phone Number: (202) 919-6303

INFORMATION ON PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Their preferred method of records delivery: Email / Digital

Description of the records they are requesting:

Please see the attached request (ID-AG-22-0914).

Additional files uploaded by constituent (if applicable.)

<https://www.ag.idaho.gov/wp/index.php?gf-download=2022%2F09%2FID-AG-22-0914.pdf&form-id=5&field-id=461&hash=ca67f288cefb85bc6dd3c086d12868c97d2b596e23b03da929bb162a817be680>



September 6, 2022

VIA ONLINE FORM

Office of the Idaho Attorney General
700 W. Jefferson Street
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720

Re: Public Records Act Request

Dear Public Records Custodian:

Pursuant to Idaho's Public Records Act, as codified at Chapter 1 of Title 74 of the Idaho Code, I.C. T. 74, Ch. 1, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

Pursuant to Section 74-103(1) of the Idaho Code, American Oversight requests that your office produce the following records within three working days, or, if a longer period of time is needed and American Oversight is so notified, within ten working days:

1. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) sent by Attorney General Lawrence Wasden from May 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM MT through May 3, 2022, and from June 24, 2022 through June 25, 2022.

In an effort to accommodate your office and reduce the number of potentially responsive records to be processed and produced, American Oversight has limited item 1 of its request to emails sent by Attorney General Lawrence Wasden. To be clear, however, American Oversight still requests that complete email chains be produced, displaying both sent and received messages. This means, for example, that Wasden's response to an email and the initial received message are responsive to this request and should be produced.

2. All text messages or messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, Twitter direct messages, Facebook messages, WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram, or Parler) sent or received by Attorney General Lawrence Wasden from May 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM MT through May 3, 2022, and from June 24, 2022 through June 25, 2022.



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Please notify American Oversight of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of \$100 prior to incurring such costs or fee.

Guidance Regarding the Search & Processing of Requested Records

In connection with its request for records, American Oversight provides the following guidance regarding the scope of the records sought and the search and processing of records:

- Please search all locations and systems likely to have responsive records, regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. For instance, if the request seeks “communications,” please search all locations likely to contain communications, including relevant hard-copy files, correspondence files, appropriate locations on hard drives and shared drives, emails, text messages or other direct messaging systems (such as iMessage, WhatsApp, Signal, or Twitter direct messages), voicemail messages, instant messaging systems such as Lync or ICQ, and shared messages systems such as Slack.
- In conducting your search, please understand the terms “record,” “document,” and “information” in their broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions.
- Our request for records includes any attachments to those records or other materials enclosed with those records when they were previously transmitted. To the extent that an email is responsive to our request, our request includes all prior messages sent or received in that email chain, as well as any attachments to the email.
- Please search all relevant records or systems containing records regarding agency business. Do not exclude records regarding agency business contained in files, email accounts, or devices in the personal custody of your officials, such as personal email accounts or text messages. Records of official business conducted using unofficial systems or stored outside of official files are subject to Idaho’s Public Records Act if they were “prepared” by your agency, including by an employee of your agency.¹
- In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of

¹ See I.C. § 74-101(13); *cf. Cowles Pub. Co. v. Kootenai Cty. Bd. of Cty. Comm’rs*, 144 Idaho 259, 263 (2007).

the requested records.² If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically why it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the record for release.

- Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by the agency before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

If you have any questions regarding how to construe this request for records or believe that further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records of interest to American Oversight, please do not hesitate to contact American Oversight to discuss this request. American Oversight welcomes an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, American Oversight and your agency can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in an electronic format by email. Alternatively, please provide responsive material in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to American Oversight, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

Conclusion

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We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with your agency on this request. If you do not

² I.C. § 74-112.

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understand any part of this request, please contact Emma Lewis at records@americanoversight.org or (202) 919-6303.

Sincerely,

/s/ Emma Lewis
Emma Lewis
on behalf of
American Oversight