



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR

December 28, 2022

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Khahilia Shaw, Esquire
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW
Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005
records@americanoversight.org

RE: *Freedom of Information Act Request*

Dear Ms. Shaw:

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Governor (“Office”). On or about September 6, 2022, the Office received an email from Mr. Dylan Winters, as well as your accompanying letter requesting certain records on behalf of American Oversight pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.* According to the aforementioned letter, it is the Office’s understanding that American Oversight is seeking, in pertinent part, as follows:

1. All email communications (including email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) sent by Governor Henry McMaster from May 2, 2022 at 8:30 PM ET 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 Governor McMaster. 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 McMaster’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 Governor Henry McMaster

from May 2, 2022 at 8:30 PM ET through May 3, 2022, and from June 24, 2022 through June 25, 2022.

As you will recall, by letter of September 20, 2022, the Office acknowledged receipt of your FOIA request and confirmed that staff had identified certain records as potentially responsive to one or more portions of the same. Based on the scope of your FOIA request and the search efforts associated with the same, the Office's estimate of the "total reasonably anticipated cost for reproduction of the records," and pursuant to section 30-4-30(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Office notified you that should you wish to proceed with your original FOIA request, payment in the amount of \$7.00 was required as a partial deposit. On or about October 7, 2022, the Office received a check in the amount of \$7.00.

On or about November 4, 2022, the Office confirmed that staff had concluded its search efforts and that records identified as responsive to your FOIA request, subject to any applicable exemptions, exclusions, or limitations under state or federal law, were available for inspection or retrieval. We noted that unless you wished to inspect to retrieve the records in person, the Office was willing to mail you copies of the production set upon payment of the balance of the discounted fees associated with your FOIA request in accordance with section 30-4-30(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

On or about December 28, 2022, the Office received a check in the amount of \$21.00 for the outstanding balance of the discounted costs in connection with your FOIA request, and a receipt is enclosed for your records. Therefore, the Office is producing herewith certain records Bates-labeled "2022-12-28 Response to K. Shaw FOIA Request 0001-0026," which were identified as responsive or potentially responsive to one or more aspects of your FOIA request, as understood. In the interest of transparency, and as you will see, please be advised that certain exclusions, exemptions, or other disclosure limitations applied to records, or specific portions thereof, identified in connection with the FOIA request, including: S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a)(2), (3), (4), (7).

Once again, thank you for your recent correspondence and records request. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Erica W. Shedd

Erica W. Shedd
Deputy Legal Counsel

Enclosure



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Receipt for costs or fees paid pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30(B)

DATE: December 28, 2022

AMOUNT: \$21.00

PAID BY: American Oversight Check No. 1374

PAYMENT TYPE: Final Payment

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American Oversight Inc
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Washington, DC 20005

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Subject: 3:45 PM Call with Speaker-elect Murrell Smith

Start: Thu 4/28/2022 3:45 PM

End: Thu 4/28/2022 3:48 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Subject: Canceled: 5:00 PM Speaking: House Republican Caucus Reception with Order of the Palmetto presentations for Speaker Jay Lucas and Rep. Gary Simrill

Location: Mansion Mall, 800 Richland Street, Columbia, SC

Start: Tue 5/3/2022 5:00 PM

End: Tue 5/3/2022 7:00 PM

Show Time As: Free

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Required Attendees Singh, Sym; Peggy McMaster; Walker, Trey; Symmes, Brian; Flynn, Ryan; Campbell, Karen; Charochak, Brandon; Hall, Madison

Subject: FYI: Agent [REDACTED] Birthday

Start: Sat 7/2/2022 12:00 AM

End: Sun 7/3/2022 12:00 AM

Show Time As: Free

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Subject: 3:00 PM Meeting with Caroline McKissick (Awards)
Location: Governor's Office

Start: Wed 5/4/2022 3:00 PM
End: Wed 5/4/2022 3:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Subject: 1:00 PM Meeting with Robbie Kerr

Location: Governor's Office

Start: Tue 5/3/2022 1:00 PM

End: Tue 5/3/2022 1:45 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Required Attendees Walker, Trey; Symmes, Brian; Mark Plowden; Melanie Barton

Subject: 8:30 AM Personal Appointment

Start: Fri 5/6/2022 8:30 AM

End: Fri 5/6/2022 9:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Subject: 5:00 PM Speaking: House Republican Caucus Reception with Order of the Palmetto presentations for Speaker Jay Lucas and Rep. Gary Simrill

Location: Mansion Mall, 800 Richland Street, Columbia, SC

Start: Tue 5/3/2022 5:00 PM

End: Tue 5/3/2022 7:00 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Required Attendees Singh, Sym; Peggy McMaster; Walker, Trey; Symmes, Brian; Flynn, Ryan; Campbell, Karen; Charochak, Brandon; Hall, Madison

Subject: 9:10 AM Depart Anderson Airport for Anderson University
Location: 15 mins.

Start: Sat 5/7/2022 9:10 AM
End: Sat 5/7/2022 9:25 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Required Attendees Ryan Flynn

Subject: 8:00 AM Depart Governor's Mansion for State Aeronautics
Location: 20 mins.

Start: Sat 5/7/2022 8:00 AM
End: Sat 5/7/2022 8:20 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Required AttendeesRyan Flynn

Subject: 9:30 AM Depart Governor's Mansion for State House
Location: 10 mins.

Start: Wed 5/4/2022 9:30 AM
End: Wed 5/4/2022 9:40 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Subject: 1:30 PM Depart State Aeronautics for Governor's Mansion
Location: 20 mins.

Start: Sat 5/7/2022 1:30 PM
End: Sat 5/7/2022 1:50 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Required AttendeesRyan Flynn

Subject: 4:30 PM Filming
Location: SCETV

Start: Thu 5/5/2022 4:30 PM
End: Thu 5/5/2022 5:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: McMaster, Henry
Required Attendees: Ryan Flynn

Subject: 8:25 AM Flight: Columbia, SC - State Aeronautics to Anderson, SC Airport
Location: 40 mins.

Start: Sat 5/7/2022 8:25 AM
End: Sat 5/7/2022 9:05 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Required AttendeesRyan Flynn

Flight Manifest:

To serve as the commencement speaker at the Anderson University Spring Commencement in Anderson, SC.

Passenger Manifest:

Governor Henry McMaster

Ryan Flynn

Agent [REDACTED]

Subject: 12:40 PM Flight: Anderson, SC Airport to Columbia, SC -State Aeronautics
Location: 40 mins.

Start: Sat 5/7/2022 12:40 PM
End: Sat 5/7/2022 1:20 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Required AttendeesRyan Flynn

Flight Manifest:

To serve as the commencement speaker at the Anderson University Spring Commencement in Anderson, SC.

Passenger Manifest:

Governor Henry McMaster

Ryan Flynn

Agent [REDACTED]

Subject: 12:00 PM Meeting with Former Representative Becky Martin and Family
Location: Governor's Office

Start: Tue 5/3/2022 12:00 PM
End: Tue 5/3/2022 12:15 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Becky Martin, Former Representative
Marie Martin, daughter
Ayden Edgar, grandson

Subject: 1:50 PM Meeting with Lt. Governor Pamela Evette
Location: Governor's Office

Start: Tue 5/3/2022 1:50 PM
End: Tue 5/3/2022 2:05 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Subject: 10:00 AM Speaking: 2nd Quarter SCGOP State Committee Meeting (CAF)
Location: Hilton Garden Inn in Downtown Columbia, 1200 Pickens Street, Columbia, sC 29201

Start: Sat 6/18/2022 10:00 AM
End: Sat 6/18/2022 11:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: McMaster, Henry
Required Attendees Ryan Flynn; Cody Simpson

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Hope Walker** <hope@scgop.com>

Date: Tue, May 3, 2022, 12:03 PM

Subject: Executive Committee Update and Meeting Notice

To: Hope Walker <hope@scgop.com>

Cc: Drew McKissick <drew@scgop.com>, Mark Bonnoitt <mark@scgop.com>, Viktoria McKenna <viktoria@scgop.com>

Members of the State Committee,

I hope that you are doing well!

The Primary is in full swing and there are 6 days left of this legislative session - needless to say, things are a

Below are a few updates and reminders -

1) The 2nd Quarter SCGOP State Committee Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 10 AM. This meeting will be held at [Street, Columbia, SC 29201](#) - this is the same location as the last 3 meetings. There is plenty of parking and

As we get closer to the meeting, I will send the Minutes from the last meeting as well as the Proposed Agenda

If your county party has any Resolutions that need to be brought to the State Resolutions Committee, those are

2) Legislative Update -

You should be receiving legislative updates and action alerts from the SCGOP (if you are not, please contact me). As the legislative session taking place, there are many legislative items still left to be passed - Election Integrity, Save Women's Rights, etc. Please be sure to be contacting your Senate and House members on these items.

3) Primary Campaigns -

The Primary is 42 short days away! As you are all aware we have a record number of GOP candidates running for office. If you are interested in the SCGOP Campaign Membership Program, please have them contact Mark@scgop.com for details.

4) Save The Date -

We have some exciting news to share with you about the last weekend in July. Please be sure to go ahead and plan to be there with you, we will get them to you.

5) Welcome Hailey!

Please welcome Hailey Hall to the SCGOP staff. Hailey has been with us since last Fall as an intern. She is our Finance Assistant. We are very excited to have her join our SCGOP Team! Her email is hailey@scgop.com.

Have a great rest of your week and please do not hesitate to let us know if you need anything!

Hope

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Hope Walker

*Executive Director
The South Carolina Republican Party*

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@hopewalker



Ms. [REDACTED]

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Ms. [REDACTED]

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Subject: FYI: All flags on state buildings be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, June 26, 2022, in tribute to Deputy Austin Derek Aldridge of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office

Start: Sun 6/26/2022 12:00 AM
End: Mon 6/27/2022 12:00 AM
Show Time As: Free

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Subject: 1:50 PM Depart Governor's Mansion for Moore
Location: 1 hr. 40 mins.

Start: Sun 6/26/2022 1:50 PM
End: Sun 6/26/2022 3:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Required Attendees: Karen Campbell; Peggy McMaster

Resources: PMcMaster

Subject: 2:00 PM Depart Governor's Mansion for Moore
Location: 1 hr. 40 mins.

Start: Sun 6/26/2022 2:00 PM
End: Sun 6/26/2022 3:40 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Required Attendees: Karen Campbell; Peggy McMaster

Resources: PMcMaster

Subject: 4:00 PM Funeral for Deputy Austin Derek Aldridge
Location: The Church at the Mill, 4455 Anderson Mill Road, Moore, SC

Start: Sun 6/26/2022 4:00 PM
End: Sun 6/26/2022 5:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: McMaster, Henry
Required Attendees: Campbell, Karen; Peggy McMaster
Resources: PMcMaster

LL spoke to PJM and confirmed she will travel with Governor for the officer's funeral who was killed in the line of duty. -
LL 6/24/2022 1:00 PM

Subject: *HOLD* for Conagree
Start: Thu 10/20/2022 12:00 AM
End: Mon 10/24/2022 12:00 AM
Show Time As: Free
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Subject: HOLD 2:30 PM Press Conference: PGA/PRT
Location: State House, 1st floor

Start: Wed 6/29/2022 2:30 PM
End: Wed 6/29/2022 3:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: McMaster, Henry

Required Attendees Brandon Charochak; Brian Symmes; Mark Plowden; Trey Walker

Subject: 11:30 AM Speaking: Press Conference to Announce PGA Tour Event CJ Cup Being Hosted at Congaree Golf Club
Location: State House, 1st floor
Start: Wed 7/6/2022 11:30 AM
End: Wed 7/6/2022 12:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: McMaster, Henry
Required Attendees Lisbon, Kinard; Symmes, Brian; Charochak, Brandon; Simpson, Cody; Plowden, Mark

Subject: 3:30 PM Speaking: Presentation of flags to Deputy Austin Derek Aldridge's family
Location: The Church at the Mill, 4455 Anderson Mill Road, Moore, SC

Start: Sun 6/26/2022 3:30 PM
End: Sun 6/26/2022 3:45 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: McMaster, Henry