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November 9, 2022

Sent via Email Only

Emma Lewis
c/o Mariuxi Pintado
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005
Email: records@americanoversight.org

RE: Utah Attorney General's Office Record Request (22-160)

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) has reviewed your records request received on September 6, 2022 seeking:

1. *All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) sent by Attorney General Sean Reyes from May 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM MT through May 3, 2022, and from June 24, 2022 through June 25, 2022.*
2. *All text messages or messages on messaging platforms ... sent or received by Attorney General Sean Reyes from May 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM MT through May 3, 2022, and from June 24, 2022 through June 25, 2022.*

Under Utah Code § 63G-2-201(8)(d) a governmental entity is not required to “fulfill a person’s records request if the request unreasonably duplicates prior records requests from that person. To the extent that this request duplicates your prior records requests 22-117, 22-144, 22-145, 22-146, and 22-147, your request is respectfully denied as unreasonably duplicative.

Additionally, calendar items are not considered a “record” subject to GRAMA, in accordance with Utah Code § 63G-2-103(22)(i), (ii), and (ix). Accordingly, the Office does not maintain any of these types of

records responsive to your request. We previously made you aware of this in our response to your request 22-069.

Enclosed are 9 pages of records identified as responsive to your request. These records are public, although some information has been redacted as protected drafts under Utah Code §§ 63G-2-305(22).

Please note that this is a partial response to the request. We are still in the process of reviewing additional records for release in response to Item 2 of your request. GRAMA provides that a governmental entity may “treat a request for multiple records as separate record requests and respond sequentially to each request.” Utah Code § 63G-2-204(6)(c)(iv)(B). Accordingly, I am notifying you that we currently anticipate being able to respond to the next item in your request by November 25, 2022.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Lonny J. Pehrson
Assistant Attorney General
Government Records Counsel

Enclosure

Appeal Procedure

You have the right to appeal this response to the chief administrative officer of the Office, as provided in Utah Code § 63G-2-401(1)(b). To do so, you must send a Notice of Appeal within 30 days to Attorney General Sean D. Reyes at following address:

(If by hand-delivery)
GRAMA Appeal
Office of the Attorney General
Utah State Capitol Complex
350 North State Street Suite 230
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

(If by mail)
GRAMA Appeal
Office of the Attorney General
PO Box 140860
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-0860

(If by email)
GRAMA Coordinator
ago_grama_coordinator@agutah.gov

Your Notice of Appeal must contain your name, mailing address, daytime telephone number, and a statement of the relief you seek. You may also file a short statement of facts, reasons and legal authority in support of your appeal. Please note that Utah Code § 63G-2-401(9) provides that the duties of the chief administrative officer for handling such appeals may be delegated.

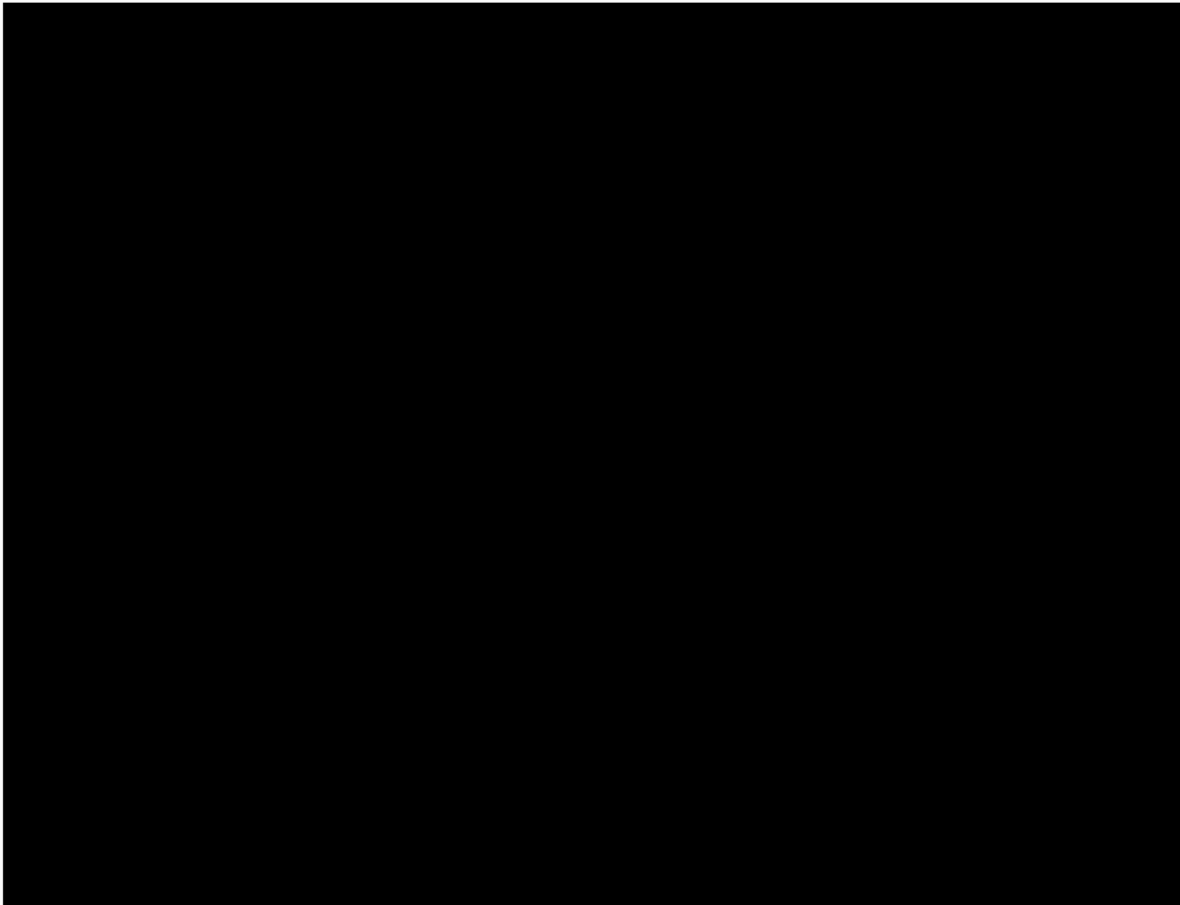
From: [Sean Reyes](#)
To: [Richard Piatt](#); [Melissa Holyoak](#)
Subject: Re: [Test] Utah Attorney General Statement on Supreme Court Abortion Ruling
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 6:04:11 AM

I'm fine with it. We could say [REDACTED]

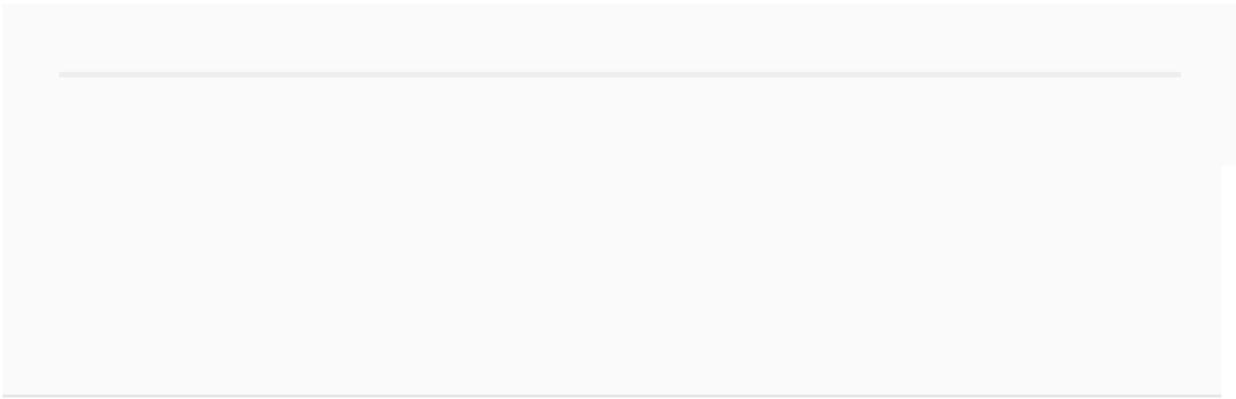
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From: Richard Piatt <rpiatt@agutah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 10:23:15 PM
To: Sean Reyes <seanreyes@agutah.gov>; Melissa Holyoak <melissaholyoak@agutah.gov>
Subject: FW: [Test] Utah Attorney General Statement on Supreme Court Abortion Ruling

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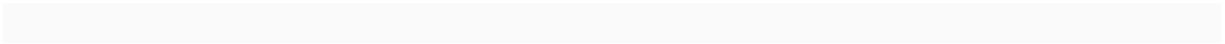
[REDACTED]



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From: [Sean Reyes](#)
To: [Melissa Holyoak](#); [Richard Piatt](#); [Ric Cantrell](#); [Daniel Burton](#); [Stephanie Saperstein](#)
Cc: [Lance Sorenson](#)
Subject: Re: Abortion ruling response DRAFT-DRAFT-DRAFT-DRAFT
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 6:40:13 AM

Let me work off Melissa's draft.

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From: Melissa Holyoak <melissaholyoak@agutah.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 6:35:14 AM
To: Richard Piatt <rpiatt@agutah.gov>; Ric Cantrell <rcantrell@agutah.gov>; Daniel Burton <danburton@agutah.gov>; Sean Reyes <seanreyes@agutah.gov>; Stephanie Saperstein <stephaniesaperstein@agutah.gov>
Cc: Lance Sorenson <lancesorenson@agutah.gov>
Subject: RE: Abortion ruling response DRAFT-DRAFT-DRAFT-DRAFT

Dan,
See Rich's statements below. I am not sure about [REDACTED] can you confirm those?

Rich,

Let's [REDACTED]

Also, I don't think we need [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Does anyone think [REDACTED]

Thanks,
Melissa

From: Richard Piatt <rpiatt@agutah.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:50 PM

To: Ric Cantrell <rcantrell@agutah.gov>; Melissa Holyoak <melissaholyoak@agutah.gov>; Daniel Burton <danburton@agutah.gov>; Sean Reyes <seanreyes@agutah.gov>; Stephanie Saperstein <stephaniesaperstein@agutah.gov>

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Rich

[REDACTED]

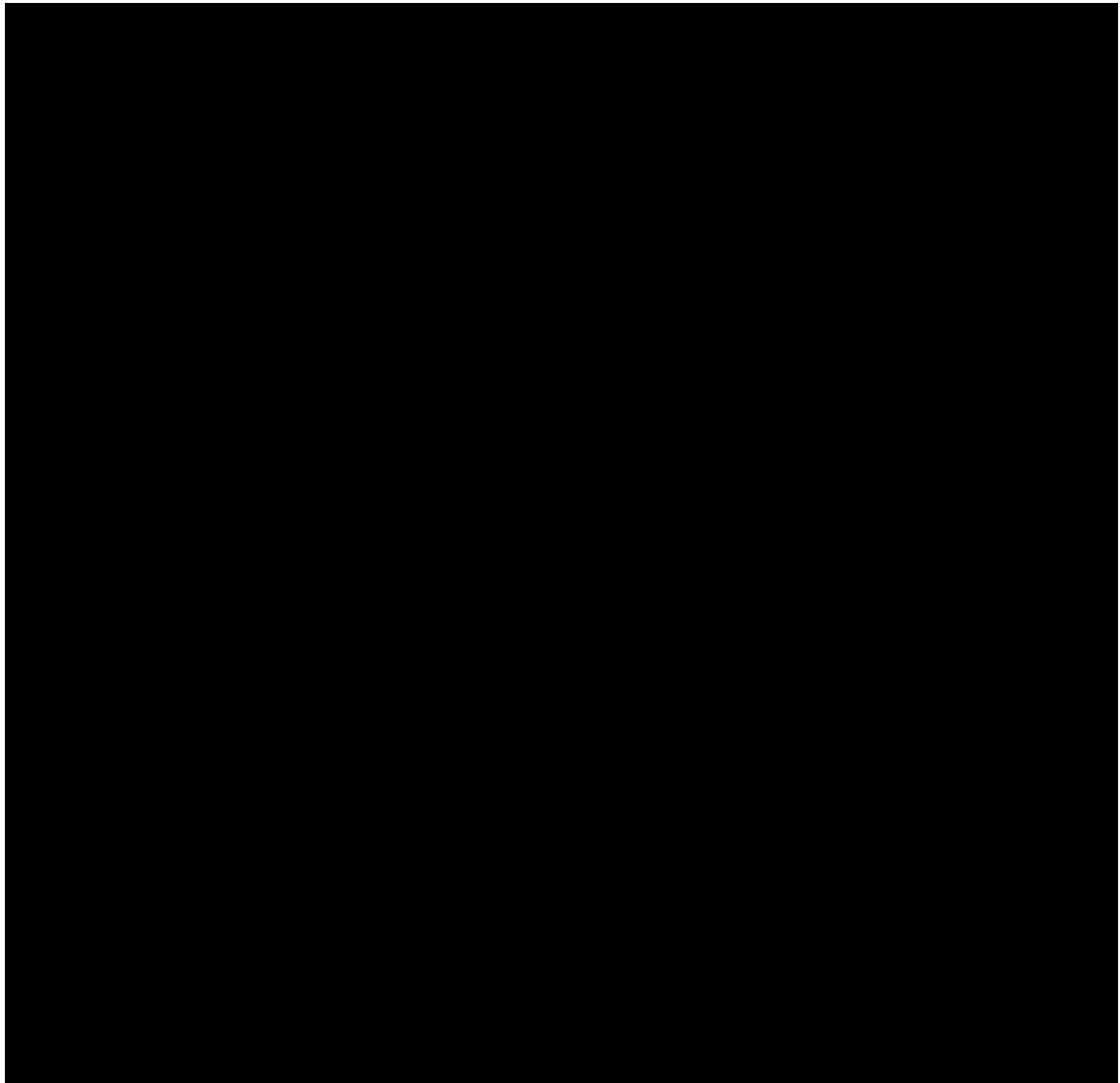
Also--For draft purposes only:

[REDACTED]

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Cc: [Lance Sorenson](#)
Subject: Re: Abortion ruling response DRAFT-DRAFT-DRAFT-DRAFT
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 7:06:56 AM

I've made several edits. Use this version as the baseline for any final edits. Please send to me one more time once you've added [REDACTED]. Here is my edited version:

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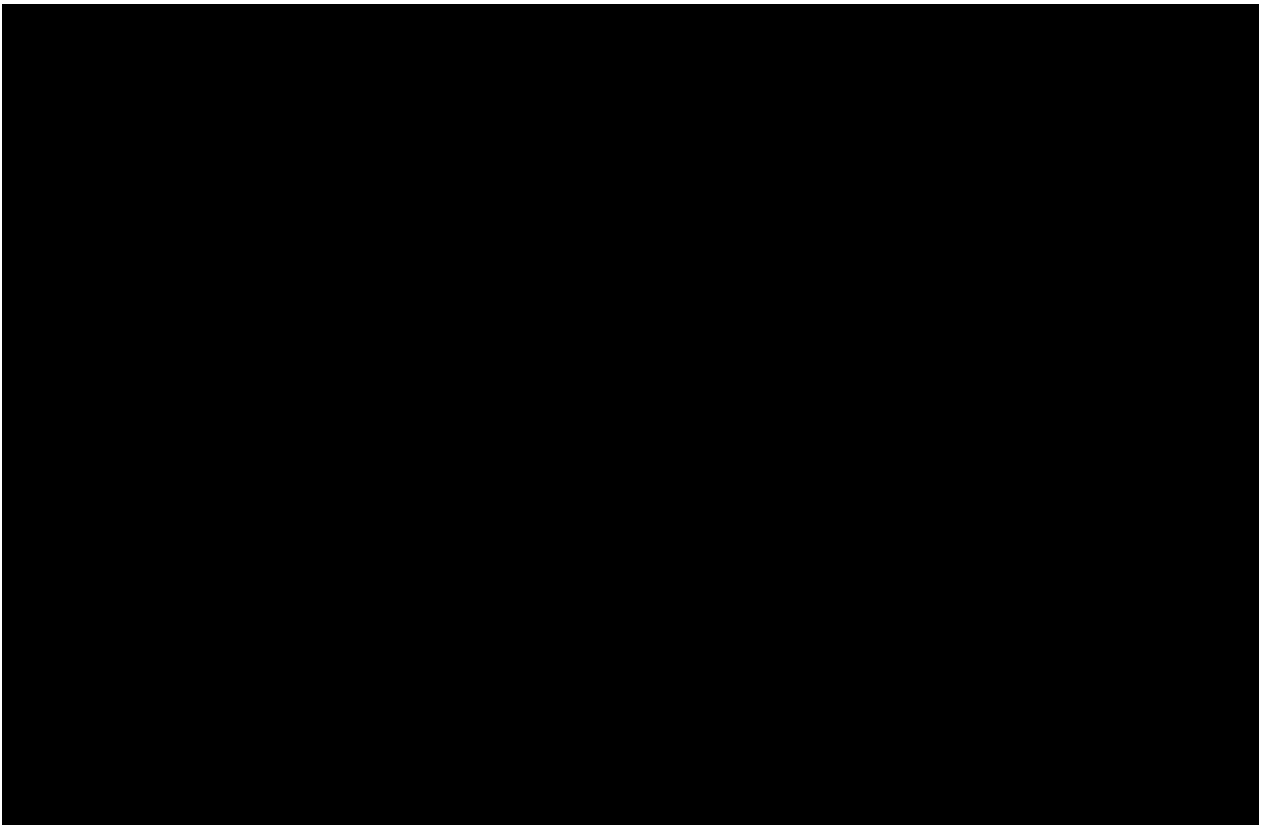
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From: [Sean Reyes](#)
To: [Richard Piatt](#)
Subject: Re: SCOTUS ruling quote
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 7:08:13 AM

I may not provide a quote at this time. Let's discuss.

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From: Richard Piatt <rpiatt1223@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 11:44:05 AM
To: Sean Reyes <seanreyes@agutah.gov>
Subject: SCOTUS ruling quote

Hi Sean,
I posted a blog and we're doing some social media on the SCOTUS ruling regarding the NY gun law. I wrote something for you to look at if you'd like to provide a quote....
Thanks,
Rich

