



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
KRISTI L. NOEM | GOVERNOR

February 8, 2024

Elizabeth Haddix  
American Oversight  
Via email only records@americanoversight.org

RE: Record Request – August 21, 2023 trip (SD-GOV-24-0075)

Dear Elizabeth Haddix,

On January 29, 2024, you submitted a public records request for “records reflecting any expenses and costs incurred or paid by the South Dakota Office of the Governor related to the August 21, 2023, trip to Eagle Pass, Texas made by Governor Noem and any staff, family, or other invited guests traveling with her.” Your request mentioned submitting the same request to the Office on December 14, 2023. That request was never received as the email address for Morgan Wiegel was incorrect, and I did not receive this request.

Your request is approved. Pursuant to the parties’ agreed-upon procedures for this type of request, the total costs for the Governor’s trip to Eagle Pass, Texas was \$12,395.84, representing only costs or expenses for hotel or lodging, transportation, either air or ground, and food. As noted in the request and pursuant to the procedures, security costs or expenses, salary of staff time spent traveling, and fuel or depreciation costs of vehicles are excluded from this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katie Hruska".

Katie Hruska  
General Counsel