



February 29, 2024

VIA ONLINE PORTAL

Office of the University Counsel
Attn: FOIA Officer
P.O. Box 400225
Charlottesville, VA 22904
Via Online Portal

Re: Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3700, I, Anisha Hindocha, a resident of Virginia, make the following request for records.

Requested Records

I request that your office produce the following records within five working days:

1. All formal or informal final assessments, reports, or analyses (including memoranda and other written products) prepared by University of Virginia Health (UVA Health), or otherwise provided to UVA Health, concerning the provision of gender-affirming medical care.
2. All records reflecting any formal or informal final guidance, recommendations, or directives created by or issued to UVA Health regarding state restrictions on gender-affirming medical care, including, but not limited to, policies related to the treatment of transgender students.¹
3. All official and unofficial dissent memoranda and complaints (such as formal memoranda, ethics complaints, or informal email communications) submitted to UVA Health regarding state legislation, regulations, policies, and guidance related to restrictions on gender-affirming medical care.

For part 3 of this request, American Oversight requests all such memoranda and complaints received from employees, appointees, board members, or contractors of UVA Health. To be clear, American Oversight is not seeking the release of the names of any individuals who have submitted responsive documents and does not object to withholding the name of any individual expressing dissent.

¹ For further identifying information, see Sarah Rankin, *Virginia Finalizes Guidance on Transgender Students, Including Rolling Back Some Accommodations*, Associated Press (July 18, 2023, 6:45 PM), <https://apnews.com/article/virginia-transgender-students-schools-youngkin-ba073a1e8a9286456a7509688f40115b>.

For all parts of this request, please provide all responsive records from June 1, 2023, through the date the search is conducted.

Please notify me 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, I provide 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.
- 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.
- My 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 this request, this 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.
- In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. 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 me, please do not hesitate to reach out to my representative at the contact information listed below to discuss this request. I welcome an opportunity to discuss this request with you before you undertake your

search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, we 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 to the address listed below. Alternatively, please provide responsive material in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive. If it will accelerate release of responsive records, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

Conclusion

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. I look forward to working with your agency on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, please contact Anisha Hindocha at records@americanoversight.org or (202) 897-2465.

Sincerely,

/s/ Anisha Hindocha
Anisha Hindocha