

Subject: Public Information Request (TX-SEN-24-0449)
Date: Friday, May 17, 2024 at 7:38:04 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Patsy Spaw
To: AO Records
Attachments: TX-SEN-24-0449.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Ms. Adhoob,

In accordance with your public information request (see attachment), we have reviewed our files and found no responsive documents.

Please note that Sections 306.003 and 306.004, Government Code, provide that communications of a member of the legislature or the lieutenant governor with a resident of this state or memoranda of those communications (which has been ruled to include calendars, schedules, telephone logs, etc.) and personal information concerning the person communicating with the member or lieutenant governor are confidential by law, and public disclosure is prohibited to ensure the right of citizens of the state to petition their state government without fear of harassment, retaliation, or public ridicule. Therefore, if documents as described in Sections 306.003 or 306.004 exist, they have been withheld.

Further, please be advised that Section 306.008, Government Code, provides that records of a communication between or among members of the legislature, the Lieutenant Governor, officers of the House of Representatives or Senate, members of the governing body of a legislative agency, and legislative employees are confidential by law and are subject to legislative privilege. Such records are excepted from disclosure in order to protect the public's interest in the proper performance of the deliberative and policymaking responsibilities of the legislature, as well as to preserve the legislative branch's independence under the fundamental principle of separation of powers. Therefore, if documents as described by Section 306.008 exist, they have been withheld.

Respectfully,
Patsy Spaw

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Dear Public Information Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under the Texas Public Information Act.

Sincerely,

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