



STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT NOTICE

July 23, 2024

Loree Stark
1030 15th Street NW
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Via Email: records@americanoversight.org

Loree Stark:

The Michigan Department of State (Department) is in receipt of your request for records submitted on July 16, 2024, under the state Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 et seq. This notice is issued in response to your request, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated herein.

Your request for “...*all email communications...between (a)...Richard Houskamp or...Anthony Daunt, and (b) any of the external entities...[see list]...from January 1, 2024, through the date of the search...*” is denied on the basis of my certification that the Department does not possess records responsive to your request.

With respect to the denial of your request, under FOIA (MCL 15.240) you may do one of the following:

1. Appeal this decision in writing to the Secretary of State’s designated appeals officer:

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson
Attn: Michael J. Brady
Legal Services Administration
Michigan Department of State
P.O. Box 30204

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The writing must specifically state the word “appeal” and must identify the reason or reasons you believe the denial should be reversed. The Department must respond to your appeal within 10 business days of its receipt. Under unusual circumstances, the time for a response may be extended by 10 business days.

2. File an action in the appropriate court within 180 days after the date of the final determination to deny the request. If you prevail in such an action, the court is to award reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursement, and possible damages.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. The Department’s FOIA Procedures and Guidelines can be accessed at www.michigan.gov/sos, under the “FOIA” tab at the bottom of the page.

Sincerely,

Sherri Hines

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