AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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VIA EMAIL

Kentucky State Board of Elections
140 Walnut Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
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Re: Open Records Act Request

Dear Custodian of Records:

Pursuant to the Kentucky Open Records Act (KORA), codified at KRS §§ 61.870 et seq., I make the following request for records.

Requested Records

I request that your agency produce copies of the following records within five business days:

All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) sent by any of the Kentucky State Board of Elections officials listed below, and/or anyone communicating on their behalf, such as an assistant, secretary, or chief of staff, and containing any of the key terms listed below.

Kentucky State Board of Elections Officials:

a. Kentucky State Board of Elections Officials:
b. Michael G. Adams, Secretary of State
c. Ross Collins "Col" Owens, III, Board Member
d. DeAnna Brangers, Board Member
e. Eric G. Farris, Board Member
f. Cory Skolnick, Board Member
g. John Y. Brown III, Board Member
h. Dwight Sears, Board Member
i. Sue Carole Perry, Board Member
j. Julie Griggs, Board Member
k. Karen Sellers, Executive Director
l. Richard House, Assistant Executive Director
m. Taylor Brown, General Counsel

Key Terms:

i. EleXa
ii. "election integrity network"
iii. "multi-state network"
iv. "multistate network"
v. "replace ERIC"
vi. "ERIC replacement"
vii. "replacement for ERIC"
viii. "ERIC alternative"
ix. "alternative to ERIC"

In an effort to accommodate your office and reduce the number of potentially responsive records to be processed and produced, American Oversight has limited this request to emails sent by the specified individuals. To be clear, however, American Oversight's request encompasses complete email chains, including all preceding messages in a chain to which a custodian responded. This means that any message a listed official sent during the specified time frame where a key term listed above appears anywhere in the preceding chain is responsive to this request, and all sent and received messages in that chain should be produced.

Please provide all responsive records from July 1, 2025, through the date the search is conducted.

Please notify American Oversight of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of $100 prior to incurring such costs or fee.

Pursuant to KRS § 61.880(1), American Oversight requests that you notify us within three workdays as to whether you will comply with this request.

Statement of Noncommercial Purpose

This request is for noncommercial purposes, and I respectfully requests a waiver of any fees associated with processing this request for records. To the extent any fees are charged, pursuant to KRS § 61.874(3), I ask that such fees be limited to the actual cost of reproduction and exclude the cost of agency staff time.

This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes. My request is made in my role as Senior Counsel for American Oversight, and I seek the records requested to inform the public of agreements to share their voter registration data with external agencies and parties. Records with the potential to shed light on this matter would contribute significantly to public understanding of operations of the government, including the details regarding agreements governing voter data sharing.[1]

[1] *See e.g.* Jo Ingles, *After Leaving National Voter Info Group in 2023, Ohio Joins New Database*, Statehouse News Bureau, Dec. 16, 2026, https://www.statenews.org/government-politics/2025-12-16/after-leaving-national-voter-info-group-in-2023-ohio-joins-new-database; Colin Wood, *States Are Picking Sides*

Records with the potential to shed light on this matter would contribute significantly to public understanding of operations of the government, including how their voter registration is being used inside and outside of the state.

Furthermore, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, American Oversight does not have a commercial purpose and the release of the information requested is not in American Oversight's financial interest. American Oversight's mission is to promote transparency in government, to educate the public about government activities, and to ensure the accountability of government officials. American Oversight uses the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. American Oversight also makes materials it gathers available on its public website and promotes their availability on social media platforms, such as Facebook and X (formerly Twitter).[2]

American Oversight has also demonstrated its commitment to the public disclosure of documents and creation of editorial content through numerous substantive analyses posted to its website.[3] Examples reflecting this commitment to the public disclosure of documents and the creation of editorial content include the posting of records related to the organization's investigations into misconduct and corruption in state governments;[4] the posting of records related to an ethics waiver received by a senior Department of Justice attorney and an analysis of what those records demonstrated regarding the Department's process for issuing such waivers;[5] posting records received as part of American Oversight's "Audit the Wall" project to gather and analyze information related to the administration's proposed construction of a barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border, and analyses of what those records reveal;[6] posting records regarding potential self-dealing at the Department of Housing & Urban Development

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as Competing Election Integrity Efforts Move Ahead, State Scoop, June 10, 2025, https://statescoop.com/eric-avid-election-integrity-2025/.

[2] American Oversight currently has approximately 16,000 followers on Facebook and 94,400 followers on X (formerly Twitter). American Oversight, Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/ (last visited Feb. 17, 2026); American Oversight (@weareoversight), X (formerly Twitter), https://x.com/weareoversight (last visited Feb. 17, 2026).

[3] *News*, American Oversight, https://www.americanoversight.org/blog.

[4] *State Investigations*, American Oversight, https://www.americanoversight.org/states.

[5] *DOJ Records Relating to Solicitor General Noel Francisco's Recusal*, American Oversight, https://www.americanoversight.org/document/doj-civil-division-response-noel-francisco-compliance; *Francisco & the Travel Ban: What We Learned from the DOJ Documents*, American Oversight, https://www.americanoversight.org/francisco-the-travel-ban-what-we-learned-from-the-doj-documents.

[6] *See generally Audit the Wall*, American Oversight, https://www.americanoversight.org/investigation/audit-the-wall; *see, e.g.*, *Border Wall Investigation Report: No Plans, No Funding, No Timeline, No Wall*, American Oversight, https://www.americanoversight.org/border-wall-investigation-report-no-plans-no-funding-no-timeline-no-wall.

and related analysis;[7] posting records and analysis relating to the federal government's efforts to sell nuclear technology to Saudi Arabia;[8] and posting records and analysis regarding the Department of Justice's decision in response to demands from Congress to direct a U.S. Attorney to undertake a wide-ranging review and make recommendations regarding criminal investigations relating to the President's political opponents and allegations of misconduct by the Department of Justice itself and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.[9]

Guidance Regarding the Search & Processing of Requested

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. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions.

- Our 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 our request, our 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. *See* KRS § 61.878(4). If a request is denied in whole,

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[7] *Documents Reveal Ben Carson Jr.'s Attempts to Use His Influence at HUD to Help His Business*, American Oversight, https://www.americanoversight.org/documents-reveal-ben-carson-jr-s-attempts-to-use-his-influence-at-hud-to-help-his-business.
[8] *Investigating the Trump Administration's Efforts to Sell Nuclear Technology to Saudi Arabia*, American Oversight, https://www.americanoversight.org/investigating-the-trump-administrations-efforts-to-sell-nuclear-technology-to-saudi-arabia.
[9] *Sessions' Letter Shows DOJ Acted on Trump's Authoritarian Demand to Investigate Clinton*, American Oversight, https://www.americanoversight.org/sessions-letter.

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.

Conclusion

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 contact me to discuss this request. I welcome an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, your agency and I 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. Alternatively, please provide responsive material in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to American Oversight, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

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 me at records@americanoversight.org or (304) 913-6114. Also, if my request for a fee waiver is not granted in full, please contact us immediately upon making such a determination.

Sincerely,

/s/ Loree Stark
Loree Stark
on behalf of
American Oversight