AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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VIA EMAIL

Georgia State Election Board
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Atlanta, GA 30334
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Re: Open Records Request

Dear Records Custodian:

Pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Law (O.C.G.A. §§ 50-18-70 et seq.), American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that your office produce the following within three business days:

> All text messages (including complete text message threads or conversations) and messages on messaging platforms (such as Signal, Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, X (formerly Twitter) direct messages, Facebook messages, Microsoft Teams messages, WhatsApp, Telegram, Parler, Mattermost, Wickr, TeleMessage, TM SGNL or any app that can interface with an app such as those listed or otherwise borrow its technology) between (a) any of the Georgia State Election Board listed below, and (b) any of the FBI officials listed below.
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> a. Georgia State Election Board Officials:
> a. Janice Johnston
> b. Janelle King
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> b. Federal Bureau of Investigation Officials:
> a. Kash Patel
> b. Christopher Raia
> c. Andrew Bailey
> d. B. Chad Yarbrough
> e. Paul W. Brown
> f. Hugh Raymond Evans
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> American Oversight requests that all images, videos, audio recordings, or other attachments regarding official government business shared via text message and/or messaging platforms be produced in response to this request. To the

extent any hyperlinks and/or URLs were shared via text message and/or messaging platforms, American Oversight requests records in a form that display the full URL.

American Oversight is not in a position to provide a phone number for the listed individuals. If the listed officials are unable to provide them, please use the individuals' names as search terms. For example, a search for text messages between an official and Kash Patell would be conducted by searching the official's text messages using the key terms "Kash" and "Patel" to identify potentially responsive records.

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 fees.

Guidance Regarding the Search & Processing of Requested Records

In connection with its request for records, American Oversight provides 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.
- 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. Records of official business conducted using unofficial systems or stored outside of official files are subject to the Open Records Act.[1]
- 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

[1] O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70(b)(2).

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 American Oversight, please do not hesitate to contact American Oversight to discuss this request. American Oversight welcomes 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, American Oversight and your agency 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.

Conclusion

American Oversight is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission 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]

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with your agency on this request. If you do not

[2] American Oversight currently has approximately 16,000 followers on Facebook and 94,800 followers on X (formerly Twitter). American Oversight, Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/ (last visited Mar. 4, 2026); American Oversight (@weareoversight), X (formerly Twitter), https://x.com/weareoversight (last visited Mar. 4, 2026).

understand any part of this request, please contact Loree Stark at records@americanoversight.org or (304) 913-6114.

Sincerely,

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