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Open Records Law Request

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Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 12:27 PM

To: Colin.Smith@iowa.gov

To Whom It May Concern,

Attached you will find our public records request. If you have any questions or need any clarifications, please feel free to reach us at this email or at 202-370-1327. Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Kathleen Casey & Emma Brown

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Monday, October 16, 2017

Attn: Open Records
Iowa Governor's Office
1007 East Grand Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Phone: 515-281-5211
Email: Colin.Smith@iowa.gov

To Whom It May Concern,

The following request is being made in accordance with Iowa Open Records Law (Iowa Code §22.1 et seq.).

I: Requested Records

I am requesting copies of records related to Kimberly "Kim" Kay Reynolds's tenure as Governor and/or Lieutenant Governor of Iowa from January 14, 2011, to Present.

Reimbursements: Copies of all reimbursement requests made by Kimberly Reynolds from January 14, 2011, to Present. In addition, I am requesting copies of all logs that indicate which reimbursement requests were granted and the amount reimbursed to Kimberly Reynolds.

Office Expenses: Copies of all expenditures of Kimberly Reynolds's office in Des Moines for furniture, computers, televisions, fax machines, copy machines, and cell phones from January 14, 2011, to Present.

Travel Logs/Itineraries: Copies of all travel logs and itineraries of Kimberly Reynolds from January 14, 2011, to Present. Records should detail the date and time of travel, the destination, the purpose of travel and meeting, and who Kimberly Reynolds met as available.

Outlook Calendar: Copies of all outlook calendars of Kimberly Reynolds from January 14, 2011, to Present.

Scheduling Documents: Copies of all scheduling documents (including emails) of Kimberly Reynolds's secretary/scheduler regarding meetings from January 14, 2011, to Present.

State Vehicle Expenses and Logs: Copies of all travel expenses, travel reimbursements, and travel logs related to Kimberly Reynolds's (or a member of his family's) usage of any state-owned vehicle from January 14, 2011, to Present. Travel logs should detail the date and time of usage, the destination, the number and identity of the occupants, the model of the vehicle, and the estimated distanced traveled as available.



State Plane Expenses and Logs: Copies of all expenses, reimbursements, and travel logs related to Kimberly Reynolds's (or a member of his family's) usage of any state-owned plane from January 14, 2011, to Present. Travel logs should detail the date and time of usage, the destination, the number and identity of the occupants, the model of the plane, and the estimated distanced traveled as available.

State Police and Trooper Usage Records: Copies of records that detail all state police and trooper units assigned to accompany Kimberly Reynolds when he is outside of his state office from January 14, 2011, to Present. These records should detail the number of officers assigned, the date when they were assigned to Kimberly Reynolds, the hours of security protection provided to Kimberly Reynolds, and the estimated cost of such services being provided.

Private Security Expenses & Reimbursements: Copies of all expenses related to any private security services provided to Kimberly Reynolds outside of his state office from January 14, 2011, to Present. Please also include all related reimbursement requests submitted by Kimberly Reynolds (or his staff) for such security services being provided.

Personal Financial Disclosures: Copies of all personal financial disclosure forms (also sometimes referred to as "conflict of interest forms" or "statement of economic interest forms") of Kimberly Reynolds from January 14, 2011, to Present.

Salary & Other Compensation: Copies of records that detail Kimberly Reynolds's salary, deferred salary, retirement benefits, and other compensation (including insurance plans) from January 14, 2011, to Present.

Personnel Records: Copies of all records that list the personnel who work in the Office of the Governor and/or the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in Des Moines, from January 14, 2011, to Present. These records should include the duration of employment, the position held, and the annual salaries of employees.

Gifts: Copies of all gifts made to Office of the Governor and/or the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in Des Moines and to Kimberly Reynolds from January 14, 2011, to Present. These records should include the name of the giver, the estimated value of the gift, the date given, and the description of the gift as available.

Letters of Reference: Copies of all letters of reference submitted and/or written by Kimberly Reynolds in his capacity as Governor and/or Lieutenant Governor from January 14, 2011, to Present. This includes all letters of reference submitted by Kimberly Reynolds that were made on correspondence that had the Iowa Office of the Governor and/or the Office of the Lieutenant Governor letterhead on it.

II: Application to be a media requester

To help assess my status for copying and mailing fees, please note that I am filing this request as a media entity requestor on the behalf of American Bridge 21st Century. American Bridge 21st Century is an



organization that is, “primarily engaged in disseminating information, urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity.” See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)(v)(II). Further, our organization will utilize our staffs, “editorial skills to turn the raw materials into a distinct work, and distributes that work to an audience.” See U.S. Code 5 U.S.C. 552a (4) (A) (iii)¹.

American Bridge maintains a highly trafficked website that frequently publishes briefings and memos that reports and analyzes the current activities in the White House, U.S. Congress and various Congressional Campaigns. The briefs and our website is reliant on obtaining and utilizing the public records to inform the public about the un-reported activities of our government² and its public officials³. See U.S. Code 5 U.S.C. 552a (4) (A) (iii).

We are an organization that various media entities has credited with providing research that they based articles and publications on. Thus we can, “demonstrate a solid basis for expecting publication through that entity.”⁴ See U.S. Code 5 U.S.C. 552a (4) (A) (iii). In March 2017, the New York Times published a front-page story that stated, “The Walden Group attracted little attention until his nomination to the Supreme Court, when American Bridge, a liberal research group, identified public records about it that linked Judge Gorsuch to Mr. Harvey.”⁵ In addition, in January 2017, USA Today published our organization’s work without credit in their article on ExxonMobil, in the section that stated, “The sales were conducted in 2003, 2004 and 2005 by Infineum, in which ExxonMobil owned a 50% share, according to SEC documents unearthed by American Bridge, a Democratic research group.”⁶

Given the preceding and the fact that American Bridge plans not to use the information gained from these records for commercial use, yet instead will analyze, publish and then circulate the information that is gained from these records on our website, social media platform, through briefs, we met all the requirements to be classified as a media requester.

III: Request Expense Cap, Denial Protocol And Requester Contact Information

I realize that certain costs may be applicable to this request. Please contact me when you can provide a payment amount for my requests. In the meantime, I authorize an initial expense cap of \$500 to be accrued. To help assess my status for copying and mailing fees, please note that I am gathering information for research purposes and not for commercial activities.

I also request that you state the specific legal and factual grounds for withholding any documents or portions of documents, should you withhold any. Please identify each document that falls within the scope of this request but is withheld from release.

¹ See also ACLU, 321 F. Supp. 2d at 30 n.5

² “Josh Mandel Refusing to Comply with Ohio Open Records Law,” American Bridge 21st Century, [8/23/2012](#)

³ “Bridge Briefing,” American Bridge 21st Century, [10/2/2012](#)

⁴ See also ACLU v. U.S. Dep’t of Justice, 321 F. Supp. 2d 24, 29 n.5

⁵ New York Times, [3/14/17](#)

⁶ USA Today, [1/10/17](#)



If requested documents are located in, or originated in, another installation or bureau, I would request that you please refer this request, or any relevant portion of this request, to the appropriated installation or bureau.

To the extent that the information is available in electronic format, I would prefer to receive that information via email or CD, particularly if providing the information reduces the time or expense involved. Otherwise, I request to receive the information in paper form.

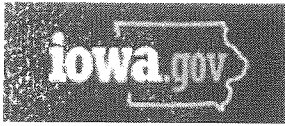
You may fax your response to 202-315-0384 or email it to FOIA@AmericanBridge.org. If you wish to call 202-370-1327, please do so between 9AM and 6PM (EST).

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Casey & Emma Brown

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A List Of All Members Of The Governors Delegation During The September 2017 Trade Mission To Israel. I am requesting a list of all members of Governor Kim Reynolds's delegation during the trade mission to Israel from September 6 through September 13, 2017.

Schedule Of Events During The September 2017 Trade Mission To Israel. I am requesting copies of records detailing the Governor's schedule during the trade mission to Israel from September 6 through September 13, 2017.

A List Of Any And All Gifts Given To The Governor During The September 2017 Trade Mission To Israel. I am requesting a list of any and all gifts given to the Governor and/or the delegation during the trade mission to Israel from September 6 through September 13, 2017. These records should include the name of the giver, the estimated value of the gift, the date given, and the description of the gift as available.

Minutes For Any And Meetings The Governor Attended As Part Of The September 2017 Trade Mission to Israel. I am requesting copies of meeting minutes for any and all events attended by Governor Kim Reynolds during the trade mission to Israel from September 6 through September 13, 2017.

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Message: Re: Open Records Law Request**Re: Open Records Law Request**

From FOIA FOIA **Date** Monday, October 23, 2017 4:43 PM
To Smith, Colin
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Mr Smith,

Thank you for getting in touch and explaining the policy so clearly. Yes, that is an accurate representation of our request and we accept the office's records charging policy.

Best Regards

Kathleen Casey

On Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 5:38 PM, Smith, Colin <colin.smith@iowa.gov> wrote:

Thank you for reaching out to our office. It is my understanding you are seeking the following:

1. Public records of reimbursement requests and related documentation submitted by Gov. Reynolds to the State of Iowa dated from May 24, 2017 to present.
2. Public records of Gov. Reynolds' office expenses submitted to the State of Iowa dated between May 24, 2017 to present.
3. Travel logs or itineraries for Gov. Reynolds dated between May 24, 2017 to present.
4. Outlook calendars for Gov. Reynolds dated between May 24, 2017 to present.
5. Schedules for Gov. Reynolds dated between May 24, 2017 to present.
6. State-owned vehicle expense logs submitted by Gov. Reynolds to the State of Iowa dated between May 24, 2017 to present.
7. State-owned airplane expense logs submitted by Gov. Reynolds to the State of Iowa dated between May 24, 2017 to present.
8. State security officer logs related to security for Gov. Reynolds submitted to the State of Iowa dated between May 24, 2017 to present.

9. Personal financial disclosure records for Gov. Reynolds submitted to the State of Iowa dated between May 24, 2017 to present.
10. Salary records for Gov. Reynolds dated between May 24, 2017 to present.
11. Gift reports for Gov. Reynolds dated between May 24, 2017 to present.
12. Letters of reference written by Gov. Reynolds dated between May 24, 2017 to present.

Please keep in mind our office may only search records going back to May 24, 2017. Records dated prior to May 24, 2017 are part of a different governor's records collection and may not be searched or released by our administration. For those records, the State Archives must be contacted.

Our office charges for open records requests. Our office provides three hours of staff review time without charge, and ten pages of hard copy without charge. Above and beyond that, our office charges \$33/hour for additional staff review time and ten cents for additional hard copy pages. Our office reserves the right to ask for pre-payment pursuant to Iowa law.

Please confirm that my understanding of your request is accurate and that you understand and accept our office's records charging policy.

Regards,

-Colin

Colin C. Smith | Legal Counsel

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3. A copy of gift logs pertaining to official gifts given to the Governor during the Governor's September 2017 trade delegation to Israel (Sept. 6, 2017 to Sept. 13, 2017).
4. A copy of minutes for any meetings that were recorded by the Governor during the Governor's September 2017 trade delegation to Israel (Sept. 6, 2017 to Sept. 13, 2017).

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