



April 22, 2021

VIA EMAIL

Director, Office of Open Government
Executive Office of the Governor
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Tallahassee, FL 32399
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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Public Records Officer:

Pursuant to Article I, section 24(a), of the Florida Constitution, and Florida’s public records laws, as codified at Fla. Stat. Chapter 119, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that your office promptly produce the following:

All email communications (including emails, calendar invitations, and attachments thereto) between (a) any of the Office of the Governor officials listed in Column A, below, and (b) any representatives of the businesses listed in Column B, below (including, but not limited to, anyone communicating from an email address ending with the listed domains), or any individual lobbyist listed in Column B, below.

Column A: Office of the Governor Officials	Column B: External Businesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ron DeSantis, Governor, or anyone communicating on his behalf (such as an assistant or scheduler) ii. Adrian Lukis, Chief of Staff iii. Mara Gambineri, Director of External Affairs iv. James Uthmeier, General Counsel v. Chris Spencer, Office of Policy & Budget Director 	<p><u>Businesses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Darden Restaurants (darden.com) ii. Jabil (jabil.com) iii. Carnival (carnival.com) iv. Bloomin’ Brands (bloominbrands.com) v. Navarro Discount Pharmacies (Navarro.com) vi. Genesis (genesisdirect.com) vii. Royal Caribbean Cruises (rcl.com) viii. Sykes Enterprises (sykes.com) ix. FIS (fisglobal.com)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x. Southeastern Grocers (segrocers.com) xi. Fresh Del Monte Produce (freshdelmonte.com) xii. Office Depot (officedepot.com) xiii. Spyder System (spydercontrols.com) xiv. Hertz (hertz.com) xv. Burger King (bk.com) xvi. Norwegian Cruise Line (ncl.com) xvii. ADT Inc. (adt.com, defenderdirect.com, or homedefenders.com) xviii. DHL Americas (dhl.com) xix. Disney Cruise Line (Disney.com) xx. Disney World Resort (Disney.com) xxi. Hard Rock Café (hardrock.com) xxii. Jacksonville Jaguars (jaguars.com) xxiii. Outback Steakhouse (outback.com) xxiv. PGA Tour (pgatourhq.com) xxv. SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment (seaworld.com) xxvi. SpaceX Launch Facilities (spacex.com) xxvii. Tupperware Brands (Tupperware.com) xxviii. Winn-Dixie (segrocers.com) <p><u>Lobbyists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Nicholas Iarossi ii. Andrew Ketchel iii. Ronald LaFace Jr. iv. Christopher Schoonover v. Angela Dempsey vi. Fred Dickinson vii. Will McKinley viii. Diana Ferguson ix. Richard Lindstrom x. Corinne Mixon xi. Gary Rutledge xii. Ronald Book xiii. Rana Brown xiv. Kelly Mallette
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	xv.	T. Martin Fiorentino Jr.
	xvi.	Joseph Mobley
	xvii.	Mark Pinto
	xviii.	Shannan Dunaway Schuessler
	xix.	Jeffrey Sharkey
	xx.	Brian Ballard
	xxi.	Davis Bean
	xxii.	Brady Benford
	xxiii.	Chris Dorworth
	xxiv.	Mathew Forrest
	xxv.	Jeremy Kudon
	xxvi.	Michelle McGann
	xxvii.	Taylor Patrick Biehl
	xxviii.	Michael Lapidus
	xxix.	Jeffrey Sharkey

Please provide all responsive records from January 1, 2021, through April 15, 2021.

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

Please note that American Oversight does not seek, and that this request specifically excludes, the initial mailing of news clips or other mass-distribution emails. However, subsequent communications forwarding such emails are responsive to this request. In other words, for example, if Governor DeSantis received a mass-distribution press release email from an Office Depot representative, that initial email would not be responsive to this request. However, if Governor DeSantis forwarded that email to another individual with his own commentary, that subsequent message would be responsive to this request and should be produced.

American Oversight insists that your agency use the most up-to-date technologies to search for responsive information and take steps to ensure that the most complete repositories of information are searched. American Oversight is available to work with you to craft appropriate search terms. **However, custodian searches are still required; your office may not have direct access to files stored in .PST files, outside of network drives, in paper format, or in personal email accounts.**

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 it is your position that a document contains non-exempt segments, but that those non-exempt segments are so dispersed throughout the document as to make segregation impossible, please state what portion of the document is non-exempt, and how the material is dispersed throughout the document. If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically that 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 your office 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.

To ensure that this request is properly construed, that searches are conducted in an adequate but efficient manner, and that extraneous costs are not incurred, 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 electronic format by email or in PDF or TIF 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 Twitter.¹

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 understand any part of this request, have any questions, or foresee any problems in fully

¹ American Oversight currently has approximately 16,300 followers on Facebook and 106,200 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/> (last visited April 13, 2021); American Oversight (@weareoversight), Twitter, <https://twitter.com/weareoversight> (last visited April 13, 2021).

releasing the requested records, please contact Christine Monahan at records@americanoversight.org or (202) 869-5244.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christine Monahan

Christine Monahan
on behalf of
American Oversight