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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Public Records Act Request

Dear House Speaker Cupp:

Pursuant to the Ohio Public Records Act (PRA), Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43, and other applicable Ohio law, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that Speaker Cupp's office promptly produce the following records:

All records reflecting the substance of any of the meetings listed below, including, but not limited to: meeting agendas; talking points; formal or informal meeting notes, readouts, transcripts, or any other memorialization of the meeting's content; and records shared during or in connection with any of the meetings.

Responsive records include, but are not limited to, electronic or hard-copy records (a) provided to Speaker Cupp's office in connection with any of the meetings listed below, or (b) created by Speaker Cupp's office.

1. January 13, 2021 10:30AM call with Gov. DeWine and Senate President Huffman re: Security
2. January 18, 2021 8AM meeting with Congressman Latta
3. January 22, 2021 12PM call with Minority Leader Sykes
4. January 25, 2021 10AM call with Gov. DeWine and President Huffman
5. February 9, 2021 9AM Big 3 call
6. February 17, 2021 11:30AM Meeting with President Huffman
7. March 5, 2021 10:15AM Meeting with Congressman Chabot
8. March 12, 2021 11AM Call with Attorney General Dave Yost
9. March 23, 2021 9AM Big 3 Call
10. March 23, 2021 10AM Meeting with President Huffman
11. March 23, 2021 5:30PM ALEC Dinner



12. March 31, 2021 10AM Meeting w/President Huffman
13. April 1, 2021 12PM Cong. Jordan lunch w/elected officials
14. April 20, 2021 4PM Meeting w/Senate President
15. April 22, 2021 10:30AM Brown Bag Meeting w/Rep Oelslager
16. April 25, 2021 5PM Pre-call on Re-districting
17. April 25, 2021 6PM Conference call w/President Huffman
18. April 25, 2021 9PM Conf call Huffman, et al
19. April 26, 2021 5PM Meeting with Secretary LaRose
20. April 27, 2021 4PM Call with President Huffman
21. May 4, 2021 9:30AM Big 3 Meeting
22. June 15, 2021 9AM Big 3 Call
23. June 27, 2021 1:30PM Mtg with Rep. Oelslager
24. July 27, 2021 1:30PM Redistricting
25. August 12, 2021 1:30PM Call w/President Huffman
26. August 25, 2021 11:30AM Phone call w/President Huffman and staff
27. September 1, 2021 11:30AM Meeting w/Congressman Johnson
28. September 1, 2021 3PM Call Sen. Sykes
29. September 2, 2021 2PM Phone call w/Rep Powell
30. September 3, 2021 8:30AM Meeting with DeWine and LG
31. September 3, 2021 10AM Meeting with Auditor Faber
32. September 8, 2021 5PM SOS
33. September 8, 2021 7PM GOV
34. September 28, 2021 7:30AM Breakfast with the Governor
35. October 7, 2021 9:30AM Breakfast with Congressman Latta
36. October 14, 2021 11AM Discovery Discussion
37. October 21, 2021 9:30AM Deposition on Redistricting
38. October 22, 2021 11AM Meeting with President Huffman
39. November 8, 2021 11AM Phone call with Congressman Balderson
40. November 9, 2021 3PM Mtg Huffman
41. November 10, 2021 8:15AM Big 3 Meeting

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

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

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.
- 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.¹ 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 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.

¹ Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(1).

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.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 understand any part of this request, please contact Sarah Colombo at records@americanoversight.org or (202) 869-5244).

Sincerely,

/s/ Sarah Colombo

Sarah Colombo

on behalf of

American Oversight

² American Oversight currently has approximately 15,730 page likes on Facebook and 118,000 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/> (last visited Mar. 18, 2022); American Oversight (@weareoversight), Twitter, <https://twitter.com/weareoversight> (last visited Mar. 18, 2022).