



July 8, 2022

VIA EMAIL

Director, Office of Public Records
Florida Attorney General
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PublicRecordsRequest@myfloridalegal.com

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:

1. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) sent by Attorney General Ashley Moody or anyone communicating on her behalf, such as a Chief of Staff, assistant, or scheduler, and Solicitor General Henry Whitaker or anyone communicating on his behalf such as a deputy, Chief of Staff, assistant, or scheduler, and containing any of the key terms listed below.

Key Terms:

- i. Griswold
- ii. Obergefell
- iii. "Lawrence v. Texas"
- iv. "Lawrence v Texas"
- v. Loving
- vi. Glucksberg
- vii. "Substantive due process"
- viii. "Right to privacy"
- ix. "Zone of privacy"
- x. Penumbra
- xi. "Stare decisis"
- xii. Precedent
- xiii. Contraception
- xiv. "Birth control"
- xv. IVF
- xvi. "In vitro fertilization"



- xvii. IUD
- xviii. “Intrauterine device”
- xix. “Plan B”
- xx. “Morning after”
- xxi. Ella
- xxii. Hormonal
- xxiii. Abortifacient
- xxiv. Mifepristone
- xxv. Misoprostol
- xxvi. Ectopic
- xxvii. Marriage
- xxviii. LGBT
- xxix. “Same-sex”
- xxx. Sodomy

In an effort to accommodate your office and reduce the number of potentially responsive records to be processed and produced, American Oversight has limited request item 1 to emails sent by the specified officials. To be clear, however, American Oversight still requests that complete email chains be produced, displaying both sent and received messages.

2. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) and text messages or messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, Twitter direct messages, Facebook messages, WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram, or Parler) between (a) Attorney General Ashley Moody or anyone communicating on her behalf, such as a Chief of Staff, assistant, or scheduler, or Solicitor General Henry Whitaker or anyone communicating on his behalf, such as a deputy, Chief of Staff, assistant, or scheduler and (b) any of the external entities or individuals listed below or anyone communicating on behalf of any of the entities listed below (including, but not limited to, at the listed email addresses and/or domains).

External Entities and Individuals:

- i. Americans United for Life (aul.org)
- ii. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org)
- iii. Human Coalition and Human Coalition Action (hucoaction.org, humancoalition.org)
- iv. Independent Women’s Forum (iwf.org)
- v. Life Legal Defense Foundation (lldf.org)
- vi. Live Action (liveaction.org)
- vii. March for Life and March for Life Action (marchforlife.org, marchforlifeaction.org)
- viii. National Association of Christian Lawmakers (christianlawmakers.com)
- ix. National Pro-Life Alliance (prolifealliance.com)
- x. National Right to Life Committee (nrlc.org)
- xi. Personhood Alliance (personhood.org)

- xii. Pro-Life Action League (prolifeaction.org)
- xiii. Students for Life (studentsforlife.org)
- xiv. Troy Newman, Cheryl Sullenger, and Operation Rescue (operationrescue.org)
- xv. Susan B. Anthony List (sbalist.org, sba-list.org)
- xvi. Charlotte Lozier Institute (lozierinstitute.org)
- xvii. Brian Sanderson (bsanderson@threeoakgroup.com)
- xviii. Michael Farris or Alliance Defending Freedom (adflegal.org)
- xix. Jonathan Mitchell (Jonathan@mitchell.law)
- xx. Thomas More Society (thomasmoresociety.org)
- xxi. Family Research Council and Family Research Council Action (frc.org, frcaction.org)
- xxii. Florida Right to Life (flrtl.org)

Please note that American Oversight does not seek, and that this request specifically excludes, responsive records to the extent an email contains only a news clip or news story. However, an email transmitting a news story with additional information or commentary from one of the listed officials would be responsive to this request.

For both parts 1 and 2 of this request, please provide all responsive records from March 1, 2021, 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.

American Oversight seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the term “record” in its 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 includes any attachments to these records. **No category of material should be omitted from search, collection, and production.**

Please search all locations and systems likely to have responsive records regarding official business. **You may not exclude searches of files or emails in the personal custody of your officials, such as personal email accounts.** Emails or texts conducting government business sent or received on the personal account of the government official constitutes a record for purposes of Florida’s public records laws.¹

In addition, 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

¹ *Cf. State v. City of Clearwater*, 863 So. 2d 149, 154 (Fla. 2003) (“The determining factor is the nature of the record, not its physical location.”).

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.²

² American Oversight currently has approximately 16,000 followers on Facebook and 117,900 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/> (last visited July 7, 2022); American Oversight (@weareoversight), Twitter, <https://twitter.com/weareoversight> (last visited July 7, 2022).

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 releasing the requested records, please contact Taylor Stoneman at records@americanoversight.org or (202) 848-1319.

Sincerely,

/s/ Taylor Stoneman
Taylor Stoneman
on behalf of
American Oversight