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**VIA EMAIL**

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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 House Rule 14, Part One, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

**Requested Records**

American Oversight requests that your office promptly produce the following:

All email communications (including email messages, calendar invitations, any attachments) between (A) Representative Fiona McFarland, and (B) any individual listed below or anyone communicating on behalf of an organization listed below, including, but not limited to, anyone communicating from the listed email address(es) or an email address ending in the listed domain(s).

- a) Alliance Defending Freedom ([adflegal.org](http://adflegal.org))
- b) America First Legal ([aflegal.org](http://aflegal.org) or [athospr.com](http://athospr.com))
- c) American Enterprise Institute ([aei.org](http://aei.org))
- d) American Family Association ([afa.net](http://afa.net))
- e) Center for Renewing America ([americarenewing.com](http://americarenewing.com))
- f) Christopher Rufo ([ajt@christopherrufo.com](mailto:ajt@christopherrufo.com), [chrisrufo@protonmail.com](mailto:chrisrufo@protonmail.com), or [crufu@manhattan-institute.org](mailto:crufu@manhattan-institute.org))
- g) Concerned Women for America ([concernedwomen.org](http://concernedwomen.org) or [cwfa.org](http://cwfa.org))
- h) Family Policy Alliance ([familypolicyalliance.com](http://familypolicyalliance.com))
- i) Family Research Council ([frc.org](http://frc.org) or [frcaction.org](http://frcaction.org))
- j) Fight for Schools ([fightforschools.com](http://fightforschools.com))
- k) Heritage Foundation ([heritage.org](http://heritage.org) or [heritageaction.com](http://heritageaction.com))



- l) Hillsdale College (hillsdale.edu)
- m) Independent Women's Forum (iwf.org)
- n) Liberty Institute (liberty.edu)
- o) Moms for Liberty (momsforliberty.org, [M4LIRFL@gmail.com](mailto:M4LIRFL@gmail.com), [Moms4LibertyFlagler@gmail.com](mailto:Moms4LibertyFlagler@gmail.com), [MomsforLibertyPolkCoFl@proton.me](mailto:MomsforLibertyPolkCoFl@proton.me), [momsforlibertybrevard@gmail.com](mailto:momsforlibertybrevard@gmail.com), or [m4lpascocounty@gmail.com](mailto:m4lpascocounty@gmail.com))
- p) No Left Turn in Education (noleftturn.us)
- q) Parents Defending Education (defendinged.org)
- r) PragerU (prageruniversity.com or prageru.com)
- s) Robert Allen ([Ballen@robertallenlaw.com](mailto:Ballen@robertallenlaw.com))
- t) Joe Jacquot ([jjacquot@gunster.com](mailto:jjacquot@gunster.com))
- u) Chad Choate III
- v) Bridget Ziegler ([bridget.ziegler@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:bridget.ziegler@sarasotacountyschools.net) or [BridgetZiegler.com](http://BridgetZiegler.com))

Please provide all responsive records from January 1, 2022, through the date the search is conducted.

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 Representative Fiona McFarland received a mass-distribution news clip email from Hillsdale College, that initial email would not be responsive to this request. However, if Representative McFarland forwarded that email to another individual with her own commentary, that subsequent message would be responsive to this request and should be produced.

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

American Oversight insists that your office 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 office 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.<sup>1</sup>

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with your office 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](mailto:records@americanoversight.org) or (202) 848-1319.

Sincerely,

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

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<sup>1</sup> American Oversight currently has approximately 16,000 followers on Facebook and 112,200 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/> (last visited Apr. 25, 2023); American Oversight (@weareoversight), Twitter, <https://twitter.com/weareoversight> (last visited Apr. 25, 2023).