

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY & ETHICS IN WASHINGTON

July 15, 2021

## VIA EMAIL

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## **Re: Public Records Request, SB 1485**

Dear Mr. Moore:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") makes this request for records of the Arizona Senate pursuant to the Arizona Public Records Law, A.R.S. §§ 39-121 et seq.

Specifically, CREW requests the following records relating to Senate Bill 1485 ("SB 1485") created on or before May 11, 2021:

- 1. All records discussing the potential effect of any provision of SB 1485 on Black voters, Latino voters, other racial or ethnic minority voters, elderly voters, or voters with disabilities, including without limitation the following provisions of SB 1485:
  - i. Early Vote-by-Mail Restrictions (SB 1485, Section 6)
- 2. All records reflecting any analysis, consideration, or determination regarding how SB 1485 would serve to prevent purported voter fraud or irregularities, including any evidence or data supporting such analyses.
- 3. All records relating to the legislative procedures by which SB 1485 was passed, including without limitation records relating to:
  - i. Requirements or limitations regarding testimony from members of the public on the bill
  - ii. Requirements or limitations regarding legislative debate on the bill
  - iii. Efforts to expedite the legislative process for the bill
- 4. All records reflecting any communications, meetings, phone calls, or conversations regarding SB 1485 or any predecessor version of that bill with representatives of any non-governmental or private organization, including without limitation the following organizations and individuals:

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- i. Heritage Action for America
- ii. Heritage Foundation
- iii. Susan B. Anthony List
- iv. American Principles Project
- v. Tea Party Patriots
- vi. FreedomWorks
- vii. American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)
- viii. Family Research Council
- ix. Honest Elections Project
- x. State Policy Network
- xi. Alliance Defending Freedom
- xii. Federalist Society
- xiii. Cleta Mitchell
- xiv. Ken Cuccinelli

Please search for responsive records in the offices of the following senators:

- Senator Nancy Barto
- Senator Sonny Borrelli
- Senator Paul Boyer
- Senator Karen Fann
- Senator David Gowan
- Senator Rick Gray
- Senator Sine Kerr
- Senator Vince Leach
- Senator David Livingston
- Senator Javan Mesnard
- Senator Tyler Pace
- Senator Warren Petersen
- Senator Wendy Rogers
- Senator Thomas Shope
- Senator Kelly Townsend
- Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita

Please search for responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. We seek records of any kind, including paper records, electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, photographs, data, and graphical material. Our request includes without limitation all correspondence, letters, emails, text messages, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations, or discussions. Our request also includes any attachments to emails and other records, as well as emails to which the subjects of this request were cc'ed or or bcc'ed.

If it is your position that any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, please provide an index of records or categories of records that have been withheld and the reasons the records or categories of records have been withheld. A.R.S. § 39- 121.01(D)(2).

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If some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please redact those portions and produce the remainder of the requested records.

This request is made for noncommercial purposes. CREW is a non-profit corporation, organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. CREW is committed to protecting the public's right to be aware of the activities of government officials, to ensuring the integrity of those officials, and to highlighting and reducing the influence of money on politics. CREW intends to analyze the information responsive to this request and to share its analysis with the public. The release of information obtained through this request is not in CREW's financial interest.

Because this request is made for noncommercial purposes, CREW requests that any fees charged in connection with processing this request be limited to copying and postage charges, if applicable. CREW agrees to pay up to \$100 for copying and postage charges in connection with processing this request. If such costs or fees are expected to exceed this amount, please contact me at (202) 408-5565 or <u>nsus@citizensforethics.org</u>.

Where possible, please produce records in electronic format. Please send the requested records to me at either <a href="mailto:nsus@citizensforethics.org">nsus@citizensforethics.org</a> or Nikhel Sus, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, 1331 F St. NW, Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this request or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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