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Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Public Information Officer:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (“CREW”) makes this request for records from the Executive Office of the Governor pursuant to the Public Records Act, Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes.

Specifically, CREW requests:

1. All communications between the office of Governor Ron DeSantis and Citadel Advisors LLC (including but not limited to communications with Citadel CEO Ken Griffin) from March 1, 2020 to the date this request is processed.
2. All communications between the office of Governor DeSantis and Regeneron (including but not limited to communications with Regeneron CEO Dr. Leonard Schleifer) from March 1, 2020 to the date this request is processed.
3. All records relating to Governor DeSantis’s August 4, 2021 call with Regeneron CEO Dr. Leonard Schleifer, including but not limited to any agendas, talking points, minutes, summaries, emails, or other communications relating to that call.

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 bcc’ed.

By way of background, on August 18, 2021, The Associated Press reported that



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Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has been promoting a COVID-19 treatment that a top donor's company has invested millions of dollars in. In the past several months DeSantis has touted Regeneron's monoclonal antibody treatment at press conferences and has established treatment facilities all over the state. Chicago-based hedge fund Citadel owns \$15.9 million in Regeneron. Citadel's CEO Ken Griffin is one of DeSantis's biggest political donors. He has given \$10.75 million to Gov. DeSantis's political committee since 2018.¹ The requested records will shed light on Governor DeSantis' relationship with Regeneron.

If it is your position that any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, Chapter 119 requires you to state the basis of the exemption you contend is applicable. Fla. Stat. § 119.07(1)(e). CREW further requests that you state in writing and with particularity the reasons for any conclusion that a record is exempt or confidential. Fla. Stat. § 119.07(1)(f). If some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, Chapter 119 requires you to redact those portions and produce the remainder of the requested records. Fla. Stat. § 119.07(1)(d).

CREW agrees to pay up to \$100 for copies of the requested records. If copying fees are expected to exceed this amount, or if you anticipate that "extensive use" of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance as defined in section 119.07(4)(d) will be needed to fulfill this request, please contact me at (202) 408-5565 or nsus@citizensforethics.org.

Where possible, please produce records in electronic format. Please send the requested records to me at either rjacobs@citizensforethics.org or Rebecca Jacobs, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20004.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this request or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records. We anticipate you will fulfill your obligations under Chapter 119. If it is necessary to file an action to enforce the Public Records Act, the court may award reasonable costs of enforcement, including attorneys' fees. Fla. Stat. § 119.12. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Jacobs", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Rebecca Jacobs
Research Associate

¹ Brendan Farrington, [DeSantis top donor invests in COVID drug governor promotes](https://bit.ly/3ziFW1j), *Associated Press*, August 18, 2021, available at <https://bit.ly/3ziFW1j>