September 30, 2021

The Honorable Shelby Slawson  
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Representative Slawson:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (“CREW”) makes this request for records from the Texas House of Representatives pursuant to Chapters 551 and 552 of the Texas Government Code (“The Open Meetings Act” and “The Texas Public Information Act”, respectively).

Specifically, CREW requests the following records from October 1, 2020 to the date this request is processed:

1. All records reflecting any communications, meetings, phone calls, or conversations with the following non-governmental organizations and individuals:
   i. Alliance Defending Freedom | email domain: @adfllegal.org  
   ii. American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) | email domain: @alec.org  
   iii. American Principles Project | email domain: @americanprinciplesproject.org  
   iv. Americans United for Life | email domain: @aul.org  
   v. Concerned Women for America | email domain: @cwfa.org  
   vi. Family Research Council | email domain: @frc.org  
   vii. Federalist Society | email domain: @fedsoc.org  
   viii. First Liberty Institute | email domain: @firstliberty.org  
   ix. Heritage Action for America | email domain: @heritageaction.com  
   x. Heritage Foundation | email domain: @heritage.org  
   xi. iVoterGuide  
   xii. Life Dynamics | email domains: @lifedynamics.com, @prolifeamerica.com  
   xiii. National Right to Life | email domain: @nrlc.org  
   xiv. Pro-Life Action League | email domain: @prolifeaction.org  
   xv. Right to Life East Texas  
   xvi. Susan B. Anthony List | email domain: @sbalist.org  
   xvii. Texans for Life Coalition | email domain: @texlife.org  
   xviii. Texas Alliance for Life | email domain: @texasallianceforlife.org  
   xix. Texas Eagle Forum  
   xx. Texas Right to Life | email domain: @txrtl.com
xxi. Texas Values | email domain: @txvalues.org
xxii. The Justice Foundation | email domain: @txjf.org
xxiii. U.S. Pastor Council | email domain: @uspastorcouncil.org
xxiv. Mark Lee Dickson
xxv. Jonathan F. Mitchell
xxvi. Elizabeth Graham

2. All records reflecting any analysis, consideration, or determination regarding the
public enforcement mechanism established by Section 171.208 of Texas House Bill
("HB") 1515.

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.

If it is your position that any portion of the requested records is exempt from
disclosure, please state the basis of the exemption you contend is applicable. Tex. Code §
552.301. Further, should you intend to request a decision by the Attorney General
concerning your determination to withhold any portion of the requested records, please
provide a written statement and any communications to the Attorney General pertaining to
said request within the applicable statutory period. Tex. Code § 552.301(d). If some portions
of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please redact those portions
and produce the remainder of the requested records. Tex. Code § 552.221.

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.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, CREW agrees to pay up to
$100. However, CREW also requests a waiver of all fees associated with the instant request
because the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest. Tex. Code §
552.267. The public is entitled to information concerning the decision-making processes of
the Texas House of Representatives that factored into the passage of HB 1515, which will
likely have a widespread effect on a significant portion of the state’s populace. Further, this
information is not being sought for commercial purposes. If copying fees are expected to
exceed $100, or if you anticipate that “extensive use” of information technology resources or
extensive clerical or supervisory assistance will be needed to fulfill this request, please contact me at (513) 300-8098 or foia@citizensforethics.org.

Where possible, please produce records in electronic format. Please send the requested records to me at either foia@citizensforethics.org or Courtney Bernard, 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,

Courtney Bernard
Legal Intern