



CITIZENS FOR
RESPONSIBILITY &
ETHICS IN WASHINGTON

September 20, 2022

VIA U.S. MAIL

Public Records Compliance Officer
Office of the Governor of the State of Mississippi
Post Office Box 139
Jackson, MS 39205

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Public Records Officer:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (“CREW”) makes this request for records from the Office of the Governor of the State of Mississippi pursuant to the Mississippi Code §25-61-1 et seq.

Specifically, CREW requests:

1. All communications between Governor Tate Reeves, or any individual acting on behalf of the office of the Governor and Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, including but not limited to the Governor’s August 29 press conference from July 29, 2022 to the date this request is processed.
2. All communications within the Office of the Governor discussing the city of Jackson’s contract with the multinational company Siemens and the city’s 2019 lawsuit against the company from July 29, 2022 to the date this request is processed.
3. All communications within the office of the Governor discussing legislation or plans to allocate funding to Jackson from July 29, 2022 to the date this request is processed.
4. Any procedures, policies, or protocols governing disaster response in Mississippi.
5. All communications between Governor Tate Reeves, or any individual acting on behalf of the office of the Governor and Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Stephen McCraney concerning the city of Jackson from July 29, 2022 to the date this request is processed.
6. All communications between Governor Tate Reeves, or any individual acting on behalf of the office of the Governor and any federal government office or agency—including but not limited to the White House, the Federal Emergency

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Management Agency, or the National Guard—concerning Jackson from July 29, 2022 to the date this request is processed.

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

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. The public is entitled to information concerning the decision-making processes of the Office of the Governor of the State of Mississippi and the requested records would likely contribute to public understanding of who may have influenced this resolution and why. The public deserves to know what role, if any, external organizations may be playing in promoting this resolution. 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 foia@citizensforethics.org.

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



Rebecca Jacobs
Senior Researcher