

GIFFORDS LAW CENTER

TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

CREW | citizens for responsibility
and ethics in washington

December 4, 2018

Samina Mays
Public Records Officer
337 Legislative Building
PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

Dear Ms. Mays:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (“CREW”) and Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence (“Giffords Law Center”) make this request for records, regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics pursuant to the Public Records Act (Chapter 42.56 RCW).

Specifically, CREW and Giffords Law Center seek:

1. All communications dating from January 1, 2017 to the present between Representative Luanne VanWerven’s office and the National Rifle Association (NRA) or any of its employees, agents, or affiliates, including but not limited to Keely Hopkins, Duane Hatch, Alan Carey, and Alan Gottlieb.
2. All communications dating from January 1, 2017 to the present between Representative Luanne VanWerven’s office and the Gun Owners Action League of Washington or any of its employees, agents, or affiliates.
3. All communications dating from January 1, 2017 to the present between Representative Luanne VanWerven’s office and the Washington State Rifle & Pistol Association or any of its employees, agents, or affiliates.
4. All communications dating from January 1, 2017 to the present between Representative Luanne VanWerven’s office and the Second Amendment Foundation or any of its employees, agents, or affiliates.

This request includes but is not limited to discussions of HB 2306 “Allowing veterans to carry concealed pistols on community college campuses.”

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, and email recipients who were cc'ed or bcc'ed.

If the Public Records Officer is not the custodian of the requested records, please forward the request to the appropriate department, office, or entity in possession or custody of the records.

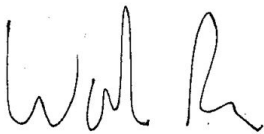
If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform CREW if the cost will exceed \$100. However, CREW and Giffords Law Center also request a waiver of all fees because the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest. The public is entitled to information about how groups that seek to influence gun policy legislation communicate with state legislators who introduce such legislation. Further, this information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The law requires that this request be responded to and fulfilled promptly, barring extenuating circumstances (Public Records Act (Chapter 42.56 RCW)). If access to the records CREW and Giffords Law Center are requesting will take an extended period of time, please contact CREW with a written explanation that states when the requested record will be produced and specifies with particularity why the records cannot be produced.

If you have any questions about this request or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact me at (202) 408-5565 or wdavis@citizensforethics.org. CREW also welcomes the opportunity to discuss with you whether and to what extent this request can be narrowed or modified to allow for better processing within Washington state law deadlines. If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify CREW of the appeal procedures available under the law.

Where possible, please produce records in electronic format. Please send the requested records to etadesse@citizensforethics.org or Eden Tadesse, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, 1101 K St NW, Suite 201, Washington, DC 20005. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walker Davis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Walker Davis
Research Associate
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington