



January 3, 2023

VIA FOIA PORTAL

Douglas Hibbard, Chief, Initial Request Staff
Office of Information Policy
Department of Justice
6th Floor, 441 G St NW
Washington, DC 20530

Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

America First Legal Foundation is a national, nonprofit organization working to promote the rule of law in the United States, prevent executive overreach, and ensure due process and equal protection for all Americans, all to promote public knowledge and understanding of the law and individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States. To that end, we file Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests on issues of pressing public concern, then disseminate the information we obtain, making documents broadly available to the public, scholars, and the media. Using our editorial skills to turn raw materials into distinct work, we distribute that work to a national audience through traditional and social media platforms. AFL's email list contains 43,000 unique addresses, our Facebook page has 104,000 followers, our Twitter page has 48,500 followers, the Twitter page of our Founder and President has 366,300 followers, and we have another 31,500 followers on GETTR.

I. Requested Records

AFL requests the following records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552(a).

1. All emails to/from any address that ends in @lcps.org or @loudoun.gov;
2. Emails with terms: "Loudoun County Public Schools" or "LCPS" "or "Loudoun";
3. All communications mentioning Loudoun County School Board meetings;
4. All communications mentioning any "harassment, intimidation, or threats" directed to Loudoun County School Board members or administrators;
5. All communications mentioning the names "Scott Smith" or "Jessica Smith";
6. All communications mentioning the terms "Loudoun county" or "LCPS" AND "sexual assault";

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7. All communications mentioning the terms “Loudoun” or “LCPS” and “special grand jury” or “grand jury”.

All requests should be read to exclude news articles and “news-blast” type communications received by DOJ custodians.

II. Custodians

1. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland
2. The Attorney General’s Chief of Staff
3. The Office of the Attorney General
4. The Office of the Deputy Attorney General
5. The Office of the Associate Attorney General
6. The Department of Justice White House Liaison
7. The Office of Public Affairs
8. The Office of the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division
9. The Office of the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division
10. The Office of the Director of the FBI
11. The Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys
12. The Office of Legal Counsel

III. Processing

Processing should occur in strict compliance with the processing guidance in the Attorney General’s Memorandum on Freedom of Information Act Guidelines.¹ If you have any questions about our request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records of interest to AFL, then please contact the undersigned at FOIA@aflegal.org.

IV. Fee Waiver

Per 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), AFL requests a waiver of all search and duplication fees associated with this request. We believe AFL’s noncommercial commitment to public education and transparency justifies this fee waiver. We are, of course, available to provide additional information in writing or offline in support of this request. If AFL’s request for a fee waiver is not granted in full, please contact us immediately upon making that determination.

V. Production

To accelerate release of responsive records, AFL welcomes production on an agreed rolling basis. If possible, please provide responsive records in an electronic format by

¹ U.S. Dep’t of Justice (Mar. 15, 2022), <https://bit.ly/3zvpxb6>.

email. Alternatively, please provide responsive records in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive records being transmitted by mail to America First Legal Foundation, 611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231, Washington, DC 20003.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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