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GOVERNOR

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*VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL*

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Dear Mr. Jayroe:

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act request, received on April 23, 2020, in which you request the following:

Memos, emails, letters, documents, reports, recorded phone calls and virtual meetings and other media discussing or describing COVID-19 response, shutdown and stay-at-home plans and orders, quarantines, and "re-opening" plans, as well as copies of discussions of COVID-19 with CDC, White House, FEMA or similar emergency management agencies, offices of Surgeons General and similar bodies, and management of medical facilities or organizations. This request excludes unsolicited messages from the public which received no response.

To the extent our office possesses the records you seek, any such records are exempt from disclosure from our office pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-105(b)(7) (exempting [u]npublished memoranda, working papers, and correspondence of the Governor"). Accordingly, we respectfully deny your request for records from this office.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Mary Robin Casteel  
Chief Legal Counsel