



March 10, 2026

VIA Electronic Mail

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States House of Representatives
2138 Rayburn House Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Request for Investigation into Democrat-Controlled States' Use of Lawfare Despite Lacking Cognizable Injury

Dear Chairman Jordan,

America First Legal Foundation (“AFL”) has uncovered a nationwide pattern to subvert the agenda of the Trump administration: Democrat-controlled states have filed lawsuits against the Trump administration, yet in many cases, the states are unable to show any support for their alleged injuries. AFL requests that the House Committee on the Judiciary (“the Committee”) examine legislative options to eliminate judicial review of lawfare by states unable to show actual injuries.

Under House Rule X, clause 1(l), the Committee has exclusive jurisdiction over matters relating to federal courts and the administration of justice, including Title 28 of the United States Code and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. This jurisdiction is relevant to Article III standing requirements—the constitutional prerequisites that determine who may invoke the power of federal courts. The Committee therefore has the authority to investigate whether these state-led lawsuits satisfy standing requirements and, if warranted, to consider legislative remedies that appropriately cabin these sorts of political disputes from judicial review.

“To have Article III standing to sue in federal court, a plaintiff must show ... that the plaintiff suffered concrete injury in fact.”¹ Justice Thomas, in his dissent in *TransUnion LLC v. Ramirez*, clarified that where “an individual sued based on the violation of a duty owed broadly to the whole community . . . courts required ‘not only

¹ *TransUnion LLC v. Ramirez*, 594 U.S. 413, (2021) (citing *Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife*, 504 U.S. 555, 560–561 (1992); *Lujan v. Defs. of Wildlife*, 504 U.S. 555, 560, 564 (1992).

injuria [legal injury’ but also *damnum* [damage].”² This is distinct from allegations that a defendant injured a private right held by a plaintiff, in which case no specific showing of loss is required.³ The plaintiff states have either alleged private injuries as *parens patriae* or public injuries on behalf of their state interests as a whole. As the evidence from our investigations illustrates, the plaintiff states have not shown they have a personal stake in these cases or that they have suffered damages as a result of presidential actions.

This Committee has an important legislative need to determine whether statutory tools are sufficient to ensure that Article III courts can appropriately exercise jurisdiction over these suits. The federal courts must ensure that these plaintiff states either allege “a personal stake in the outcome of the controversy” or show that these statutes cited in their claims “authorize[] review at the behest of the plaintiff.”⁴ Again, the evidence does not support these allegations.

While Congress cannot override these constitutional requirements by statute, it has, pursuant to the Committee’s power to legislate, the power to investigate and determine whether legislation is needed to ensure that parasitic plaintiffs do not unnecessarily involve the courts in political disputes by merely alleging harms divorced from particularized and concrete injuries.

Accordingly, the Committee can legislate to ensure that states that have suffered no injury cannot obstruct the will of the American people in the courts. In *TransUnion LLC v. Ramirez*, the Supreme Court reiterated that only plaintiffs who have suffered a concrete harm may sue in federal court; an injury in law is not equivalent to an injury in fact.

AFL filed public records requests with state agencies requesting information related to the alleged harms in those states’ lawsuits against the Trump administration. AFL’s investigation reveals that these Democrat-controlled states are pleading allegations of harm for which there is no corresponding evidence to support their claims. The fundamental problem is not merely that courts are failing to rigorously enforce standing requirements, but that state attorneys general are filing complaints premised on speculative injuries that their own client agencies cannot substantiate. AFL’s findings suggest a significant risk that the state attorneys general bringing these suits have not appropriately conferred with the underlying state agencies they

² *TransUnion LLC v. Ramirez*, 594 U.S. 413, 447 (THOMAS, J., dissenting) (citing *Spokeo*, 578 U. S., at 346 (THOMAS, J., concurring) (citing *Robert Marys’s Case*, 9 Co. Rep. 111b, 112b, 77 Eng. Rep. 895, 898–899 (K. B. 1613)).

³ *Id.* at 449.

⁴ *Sierra Club v. Morton*, 405 U.S. 727, 732 (1972).

purport to represent so as to verify claims pled in their various complaints. This failure of internal coordination raises serious questions about whether these lawsuits are being filed in good faith or are instead designed to obstruct the lawful policies of the Trump Administration through judicial intervention.

AFL respectfully refers this matter to your committee for further investigation and appropriate action. A comprehensive exhibit containing all of AFL's public records requests and the responses received to date is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The examples highlighted below illustrate the broader pattern documented in the attached materials.

I. California Lacks Evidence that “Transgender Athletes” Will Suffer Emotional and Academic Harm Because of the Executive Order Targeting Radical Gender Ideology.

In *California v. U.S. Dep’t of Just.*, California sued the Trump administration over Executive Order 14168, “Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government.”⁵ No. 3:25-cv-04863, (N.D. Cal. June 10, 2025). The lawsuit alleges that the executive order “increases the risk that [transgender students] will suffer severe physical, mental, emotional, or academic harm as a result of discrimination and exclusion.”⁶ Additionally, the lawsuit alleges that “transgender students” will suffer similar harms as a result of discrimination and exclusion.⁷

However, when AFL requested information related to these assertions from the California Department of Justice, the California Department of Education, the California Civil Rights Department, and the California Interscholastic Federation (“CIF”),⁸ none of the agencies provided AFL with any evidence to support the state’s claims in court. Both the Civil Rights Department and CIF responded by stating that they had no responsive records to AFL’s request.⁹ The California Department of

⁵ See Exec. Order No. 14168, 90 Fed. Reg. 8615, 8615 (Jan. 20, 2025).

⁶ Compl. at 1–2, 9, *California v. U.S. Dep’t of Just.*, No. 3:25-cv-04863 (N.D. Cal. filed June 9, 2025), Dkt. No. 4.

⁷ *Id.* at 1–2, 7–8.

⁸ See Letter from Jacob Meckler, Am. First Legal, to Cal. Dep’t of C.R. (Aug. 25, 2025), <https://perma.cc/4VEQ-TTP9>; letter from Jacob Meckler, Am. First Legal, to Cal. Dep’t of Just. (Aug. 25, 2025), <https://perma.cc/D28W-ZDCP>; letter from Jacob Meckler, Am. First Legal, to CIF (Aug. 25, 2025), <https://perma.cc/77XJ-PSTJ>; letter from Jacob Meckler, Am. First Legal, to Cal. Dep’t of Educ. (Aug. 25, 2025), <https://perma.cc/A47N-DV2X>.

⁹ Letter from Lisa Madrigal, Cal. Dep’t of C.R., to Jacob Meckler, Am. First Legal (Aug. 28, 2025), <https://perma.cc/W8ND-XCQ3>; letter from Dianne Marshall-Freeman, Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP, to Jacob Meckler, Am. First Legal (Sept. 15, 2025), <https://perma.cc/A95M-PZ48>.

Education did not respond, and the California Department of Justice requested that AFL narrow its request.¹⁰

II. At Least Three of the States Included in a Lawsuit Against the Ban on Taxpayer Funds Used for Transgender Surgeries for Minors Lack Evidence Supporting Their Alleged Harms.

Fifteen States, the District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro sued the Trump Administration over Executive Order 14187, “Protecting Children From Chemical and Surgical Mutilation.”¹¹ These plaintiffs claim that the ban on taxpayer funding being used for transgender surgeries for minors will result in financial penalties against state employees and providers of “gender affirming care.”¹² Additionally, the plaintiffs allege that this ban will increase the physical and mental health issues of “transgender adolescents.”¹³

Of the fifteen states that AFL sent records requests regarding these allegations, only three replied.¹⁴ The three states that responded—Massachusetts, Illinois, and Nevada—responded in the same manner, claiming they lacked records responsive to AFL’s request.¹⁵ Connecticut’s Department of Public Health was even more explicit, openly admitting that the executive order would not impact any funding or federal grants administered by the Connecticut Health Surveillance and Statistics Office.¹⁶

III. Multiple States Lack Evidence to Demonstrate Standing in Lawsuit Against Trump Administration’s Wind Memorandum.

In *New York v. Trump*, seventeen states and the District of Columbia sued the Trump Administration over the Wind Memorandum that temporarily pauses offshore and onshore federal wind leasing and permits a comprehensive review of the basis for

¹⁰ Letter from Sarah K. Pak, Cal. Dep’t of Just., to Jacob Meckler, Am. First Legal, (Sept. 15, 2025), <https://perma.cc/K46Z-HGXC>.

¹¹ Exec. Order No. 14187, 90 Fed. Reg. 8771 (Jan. 28, 2025).

¹² Compl. at 52–53, *Massachusetts v. Trump*, No. 1:25-cv-12162 (D. Mass. filed Aug. 1, 2025), Dkt. No. 1.

¹³ *Id.* at 13–14.

¹⁴ See *America First Legal Reveals States Lack Evidence in Lawsuit Challenging Trump Administration’s Ban on Taxpayer-Funded Chemical and Surgical Mutilation of Children*, AM. FIRST LEGAL (Jan. 30, 2026), <https://perma.cc/K86L-3QFR>.

¹⁵ Letter from Jennifer K. Soivilien, Mass. Dep’t of Pub. Health, to Bobby Crossin, Am. First Legal (Jan. 15, 2026), <https://perma.cc/J8ZE-RRW5>; letter from Leah Bartelt, Ill. Dep’t of Pub. Health, to Bobbie [sic] Crossin, Am. First Legal (Jan. 12, 2026), <https://perma.cc/22FU-2LVC>; letter from Sara Velasquez, Nev. Dep’t of Hum. Servs., to Will Scolinos, Am. First Legal (Dec. 29, 2025), <https://perma.cc/DNQ7-7AUW>.

¹⁶ *America First Legal Reveals Connecticut Officials Knew the State Lacked Cause to Sue Trump Administration Over Executive Order Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation* AM. FIRST LEGAL (Feb. 10, 2026), <https://perma.cc/R6CE-MYXM>.

prior approvals.¹⁷ No. 1:25-cv-11221 (D. Mass. May 5, 2025). These states and D.C. allege that such a pause would cause irreparable harm to each state's environment, climate, economy, transportation, and security interests.¹⁸

AFL sent records requests to each of the plaintiff states and D.C., requesting records about the harms alleged, including any agency findings on environmental, economic, navigational, or security harms that have occurred since the implementation of the Wind Memorandum.¹⁹ Only five state agencies from the plaintiff states have responded thus far, and their responses were all alike. Agencies from Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Michigan all responded, stating that they do not have records responsive to AFL's request.²⁰

IV. The Responses from States Suing the Department of Health and Human Services Over Medicaid Beneficiary Data Indicate a Lack of Evidence for Alleged Injuries.

Twenty states sued the Department of Health and Human Services over the transfer of Medicaid beneficiary data to the Department of Homeland Security for investigating Medicaid information regarding illegal immigrants.²¹ The states alleged that the transfer of such data would result in irreparable harm because of the possibility that immigrant communities would disenroll from Medicaid programs.²² This, in turn, would reduce the use of emergency and preventive care services and impose financial burdens on healthcare providers and the states.²³

AFL requested records from these states demonstrating any evidence of unauthorized disclosures of Medicaid beneficiary data, that state healthcare systems have been

¹⁷ Temporary Withdrawal of All Areas on the Outer Continental Shelf Form Offshore Wind Leasing and Review of the Federal Government's Leasing and Permitting Practices for Wind Projects, 90 Fed. Reg. 8363 (Jan. 20, 2025).

¹⁸ Compl. at 3–6, *New York v. Trump*, No. 1:25-cv-11221 (D. Mass. filed May 5, 2025), Dkt. No. 1.

¹⁹ *America First Legal Reveals Five States Lack Evidence in Lawsuit Over Trump Administration's Federal Wind Regulation Review*, AM. FIRST LEGAL (Jan. 29, 2026), <https://perma.cc/45N9-25DH>.

²⁰ Letter from Kelly A. Turner, Ill. Power Agency, to Am. First Legal (Jan. 6, 2026) <https://perma.cc/F3HH-LQ7Z>; letter from Anwar Johnson, Ill. Env't Prot. Agency, to Bobby Crossin, Am. First Legal (Dec. 29, 2025), <https://perma.cc/D4JC-2L8T>; letter from Gary Malveaux, Md. Energy Admin., to Bobby Crossin, Am. First Legal (Jan. 13, 2026), <https://perma.cc/Z35B-GC6C>; letter from Rachel Cohen, Mass. Dep't of Env't Prot., to Bobby Crossin, Am. First Legal (Jan. 2, 2026), <https://perma.cc/J6S4-968U>; letter from Mich. Dep't of Env't, Great Lakes, & Energy, to Bobby Crossin, Am. First Legal (Jan. 16, 2026), <https://perma.cc/7AJA-XNEY>.

²¹ *Blue State Bluff: America First Legal Exposes How Trump Policies Didn't Actually Harm Lawfare-Hungry States*, AM. FIRST LEGAL (Jan. 2., 2026), <https://perma.cc/9JUB-2XZ6>; *California v. U.S. Dep't of Health & Hum. Servs.*, 3:25-cv-05536 (N.D. Cal. July 1, 2025).

²² Compl. at 42–47, *California v. U.S. Dep't of Health & Hum. Servs.*, 3:25-cv-5536 (N.D. Cal. filed July 1, 2025), Dkt. No. 1.

²³ *Id.*

affected by such sharing, and that immigrant populations have deferred primary or preventative healthcare as a result.²⁴ However, only Maine, Colorado, Rhode Island, Hawaii, and Arizona responded, and once again, the state agencies informed AFL that there were no records responsive to the request.²⁵

V. States Suing Over the Birthright Citizenship Executive Order Likely Lack Evidence to Support Claims of Harm.

In *Washington v. Trump*, Washington, Oregon, Illinois, and Arizona sued the Trump Administration over Executive Order 14160, “Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship.”²⁶ No. 2:25-cv-127 (W.D. Wash. Jan. 21, 2025). These states alleged that this executive order would harm them by causing them to lose federal funding for specific programs that rely on it.²⁷

However, AFL’s requests for public records in these states indicate that they lack evidence to demonstrate the alleged injury.²⁸ AFL requested information from the plaintiff states’ agencies about the state expenditures since 2022 for providing services to children born to parents who are illegal immigrants.²⁹ Agencies from all four states responded to AFL’s request by stating that they do not have records that are responsive to the request.³⁰

VI. Conclusion

The responses AFL has received from these Democrat-controlled states demonstrate a clear pattern of states pleading allegations of harm without any evidence to support them. If a state cannot present concrete harm, it lacks standing to sue under Article

²⁴ *Blue State Bluff*, *supra* note 21.

²⁵ Letter from Colo. Dep’t of Health Care Pol’y and Financing, to Will Scolinos, Am. First Legal (Oct. 13, 2025), <https://perma.cc/LYC4-UKZR>; letter from Michael D. Coleman, R.I. Health & Hum. Servs. Dep’t, to Am. First Legal (Oct. 10, 2025), <https://perma.cc/2FUT-YKRE>; letter from Haw. Dep’t of Hum. Servs., to Will Scolinos, Am. First Legal (Nov. 4, 2025), <https://perma.cc/HUA7-Y7E2>; letter from Kathryn Greene, Ariz. Health Care Cost Containment Sys., to America First Legal (Dec. 1, 2025), <https://perma.cc/2JTK-LRW5>.

²⁶ Exec. Order No. 14160, 90 Fed. Reg. 8449 (Jan. 20, 2025).

²⁷ Compl. at 3–4, *Washington v. Trump*, No 2:25-cv-127 (W.D. Wash. filed Jan. 21, 2025), Dkt. No. 1.

²⁸ *America First Legal Reveals Critical Flaws in More Blue State Lawfare Against President Trump’s Birthright Citizenship Order*, AM. FIRST LEGAL (Oct. 8, 2025), <https://perma.cc/3HFC-VY2Q>.

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ Letter from Ariz. Dep’t of Educ., to Jacob Meckler, Am. First Legal (Aug. 29, 2025), <https://perma.cc/8LNP-CD4L>; letter from Jeanne Windham, Or. Health Auth., to Jacob Meckler, Am. First Legal (Sept. 5, 2025), <https://perma.cc/WY85-G358>; letter from Thomas Mulcrone, Ill. Dep’t of Hum. Servs., to Jacob Meckler, Am. First Legal (Sept. 2, 2025), <https://perma.cc/3QCZ-K773>; letter from Daniel Bishop, Ill. Dep’t of Healthcare & Fam. Servs, to Will Scolinos, Am. First Legal (Sept. 26, 2025), <https://perma.cc/ZW2H-PNZS>; letter from Tina Leipski, Wash. Health Care Auth., to Jacob Meckler, Am. First Legal (Sept. 2, 2025), <https://perma.cc/QP5D-P5NW>.

III of the Constitution. The standing doctrine exists to preserve the separation of powers and to ensure that the judiciary resolves only actual disputes rather than abstract grievances.

The evidence compiled by AFL strongly suggests that state attorneys general are filing these lawsuits without first conferring with the state agencies that would substantiate the alleged harms. This lack of internal coordination has resulted in complaints premised on injuries that are entirely speculative and unsupported by any factual record. Such conduct not only undermines the integrity of the federal court system but also abuses the judicial process to obstruct the lawful policies of the Trump Administration—policies that the American people voted for.

Given the Committee’s jurisdiction over Title 28 and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, we request that you investigate this pattern of conduct and consider whether legislative action is warranted. Potential remedies within the Committee’s purview include clarifying standing requirements for state plaintiffs challenging federal executive action, establishing procedural safeguards requiring state attorneys general to document concrete injuries before filing suit, and considering jurisdiction-stripping provisions for categories of cases where plaintiffs repeatedly fail to demonstrate cognizable harm. The full record of AFL’s investigation is attached for the Committee’s review.

Sincerely,

/s/ Will Scolinos
America First Legal Foundation

Exhibit A



August 25, 2025

VIA California Civil Rights System Portal
Kevin Kish
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California Civil Rights Department
651 Bannon St #200
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Director Kish:

America First Legal Foundation (“AFL”) is a national, nonprofit organization. AFL works to promote the rule of law in the United States, prevent executive overreach, ensure due process and equal protection for all Americans, and promote knowledge and understanding of the law and individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States. AFL’s mission includes promoting government transparency and accountability by gathering official information, analyzing it, and disseminating it through reports, press releases, and/or other media, including social media platforms, all to educate the public.

Pursuant to the **California Public Records Act**, Cal. Gov’t Code § 7920.00 *et seq.*, we request the following for both inspection and copying:

I. Records Request

1. All reports submitted by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) of harassment, assault, or other abuse by or from students asserting a gender-identity other than the one they were born with.
2. Any other report received by the Department of Civil Rights concerning harassment, assault, or other abuse by or from students asserting a gender-identity other than the one they were born with.
3. All records of competitions won by “transgender girls.”

II. Fee Waiver Request

Following *N. Cty. Parents Org. v Dep’t of Ed.*, 23 Cal. App. 4th 144, 148, (1994) (holding that a local agency had discretionary authority under the Public Records Act to reduce or waive fees for duplicating public records), we request a waiver of all fees for this request.

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III. Conclusion

The California Public Records Act requires a response within ten business days. If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about the extenuating circumstances delaying the response. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jacob Meckler

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August 28, 2025

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RE: CERTIFICATION RESPONSE OF RECORDS
PRA Request No.: 202508-06137625

This letter is in response to your request for public records under the California Public Records Act (PRA). (Gov. Code § 7920.000 et seq.) You requested:

- 1) *All reports submitted by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) of harassment, assault, or other abuse by or from students asserting a gender-identity other than the one they were born with.*
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- 3) *All records of competitions won by "transgender girls."*

The Civil Rights Department (CRD) has processed your request for public records by completing a reasonable search of files and computer records maintained by CRD. Regarding part one of your request, CRD searched for records of complaints filed by the California Interscholastic Federation and identified no responsive records.

Regarding parts two and three of your request, CRD does not maintain data in a manner that would enable it to conduct a search for reports "concerning harassment, assault, or other abuse by or from students asserting a gender-identity other than the one they are born with," nor "records of competitions won by 'transgender girls.'" For information on CRD's functions, duties, and powers, CRD respectfully refers you to California Government code section 12930.

Sincerely,

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August 25, 2025

VIA Online Request Form
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Dear Public Records Coordinator:

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Pursuant to the **California Public Records Act**, Cal. Gov’t Code § 7920.00 *et seq.*, we request the following:

I. Records Request

1. All reports, whether submitted by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) or not, of harassment, assault, or other abuse from students asserting a gender identity other than the one they were born with.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jacob Meckler

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September 3, 2025

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RE: Public Records Act Request; DOJ No. 2025-02068

Dear Jacob Meckler:

This letter is in response to your recent correspondence received by the California Department of Justice (Department) on August 25, 2025, in which you sought records pursuant to the California Public Records Act (PRA) as set forth in Government Code section 7920.000 et seq. Specifically, you requested that we provide the following:

All reports, whether submitted by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) or not, of harassment, assault, or other abuse from students asserting a gender identity other than the one they were born with.

As an initial matter, to the extent that any responsive “reports” of “harassment, assault, or other abuse” exist in the Department’s possession, any such reports would likely be exempt from disclosure under the PRA. The PRA exempts from disclosure investigatory and/or security files of the Attorney General, including complaints about unlawful practices. (Gov. Code, § 7923.600; *Williams v. Superior Court* (1993) 5 Cal.4th 337, 354.)

Subject to the above, the Department invites you to provide a more focused request. (Gov. Code, § 7922.600, subd. (a); *Galbiso v. Orosi Public Utility Dist.* (2008) 167 Cal.App.4th 1063, 1088 [“[A] person who seeks public records must present a reasonably focused and specific request, so that the public agency will have an opportunity to promptly identify and locate such records and to determine whether any exception to disclosure applies”]; *Rogers v. Superior Court* (1993) 19 Cal. App. 4th 469, 481 [“The request to the agency must itself be focused and specific.”].) As currently cast, your request is overly broad: it asks for “[a]ll reports . . . of harassment, assault, or other abuse from students asserting a gender identity other than the one they were born with” in the possession of the entire Department of Justice, without any specified timeframe or other limiting factors that would permit the Department to promptly identify records of interest to you.

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As you may be aware, the Department employs more than 5,000 people and maintains legal offices in six cities. In addition to these six offices, there are additional facilities maintained by the Department's law enforcement division. To respond to your request, each division of the Department, including each section, branch, unit or bureau within each division, would have to be canvassed to determine if they have any documents responsive to your request. Further, such materials may not be maintained, indexed or catalogued according to a single title or subject matter description, thus requiring a more extensive search for such documents. The expense and inconvenience of engaging in such a limitless search of documents would not be in the public interest. (Gov. Code, § 7922.000; *American Civil Liberties Union Foundation v. Deukmejian* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 440, 452-453.) If you can narrow the focus of your request—e.g., by identifying a particular timeframe, providing a case name or number (if the records you seek relate to a particular case or matter), or identifying the section, unit, or bureau of the Department that you would like us to search—we invite you to provide that clarification to us so that we can identify records of interest to you.

Unless the Department receives clarification from you regarding your request within 30 days, the Department will consider its response to your request complete, and this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sarah Kim Pak

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For ROB BONTA
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RE: Public Records Act Request; DOJ No. 2025-02068

Dear Jacob Meckler:

This letter is in response to your recent correspondence received by the California Department of Justice (Department) on August 25, 2025, in which you sought records pursuant to the California Public Records Act (PRA) as set forth in Government Code section 7920.000 et seq. Specifically, you requested that we provide the following:

All reports, whether submitted by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) or not, of harassment, assault, or other abuse from students asserting a gender identity other than the one they were born with.

On September 3, 2025 the Department responded to you by explaining that your request, as currently cast, is overly broad and inviting you to provide a more focused request. The Department also informed you that to the extent that any responsive “reports” of “harassment, assault, or other abuse” exist in the Department’s possession, any such reports would likely be exempt from disclosure under the PRA’s investigatory record exemption. (See Gov. Code, § 7923.600; *Williams v. Superior Court* (1993) 5 Cal.4th 337, 354.) On September 4, 2025, you replied to our response as follows:

Thank you for your response. We'd of course be willing to engage with your office in narrowing the request to facilitate processing.

As to the issue regarding disclosure of law enforcement investigatory files, we'd be happy to accept a redacted production that would protect privacy of the parties involved in the complaint, and the investigatory processes employed by your office. Before we spend time trying to sort out those details though, could your office confirm whether any responsive complaints exist? If they do not, that's acceptable and there would be no reason to use your office's time and resources finding a way to narrow and redact. We'd of course prefer not to burden your office with needless work.

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The Department appreciates your readiness to narrow your request so that the Department can efficiently process your request. As to your question, “*could your office confirm whether any responsive complaints exist?*,” the Department has not performed a search for responsive records due to the breadth of the request. If you can narrow the focus of your request, the Department will then conduct a search and determine whether any responsive records exist. If responsive records are located following a reasonable search, the Department will determine whether the records are exempt and, if they are exempt, whether to redact or withhold the records in their entirety.

Unless the Department receives clarification from you regarding your request within 30 days, the Department will consider its response to your request complete, and this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sarah Kim Pak

SARAH KIM PAK
Deputy Attorney General

For ROB BONTA
Attorney General



August 25, 2025

VIA email: rnocetti@cifstate.org
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Dear Executive Director Nocetti:

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The California Interscholastic Federation is subject to the California Public Records Act. *See* California Education Code § 33353. Therefore, pursuant to the **California Public Records Act**, Cal. Gov’t Code § 7920.00 *et seq.*, we request the following for both inspection and copying:

I. Records Request

1. All reports, submitted to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) of harassment, assault, or other abuse from or against students asserting a gender-identity other than the one they were born with.
2. All other reports referring or relating to harassment, assault, or other abuse against students asserting a gender-identity other than the one they were born with.
3. All records of competitions won by “transgender girls” maintained by the CIF.

II. Fee Waiver Request

Following *N. Cty. Parents Org. v Dep’t of Ed.*, 23 Cal. App. 4th 144, 148, (1994) (holding that a local agency had discretionary authority under the Public Records Act

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to reduce or waive fees for duplicating public records), we request a waiver of all fees for this request.

III. Conclusion

The California Public Records Act requires a response within ten business days. If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about the extenuating circumstances delaying the response. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jacob Meckler

America First Legal Foundation



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September 15, 2025

Via Electronic Mail Only
foia@aflegal.org

Jacob Meckler
American First Legal Foundation

Re: Initial Response to California Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Meckler,

Your email of today, September 15, 2025, to Ron Nocetti, Executive Director for the California Interscholastic Federation (“CIF”), has been forwarded to my attention. This letter follows the California Interscholastic Federation’s (“CIF”) correspondence to you dated August 29, 2025, in response to your August 28, 2025 request for records pursuant to the California Public Records Act (“CPRA;” Gov. Code, § 7920.000 et seq.)¹. On behalf of the CIF, I apologize for the delay in providing the initial response to your CPRA request. The CIF fully intends to meet its legal obligations with regard to your CPRA request. This letter constitutes the CIF’s initial determination in response to your CPRA request.

Under the CPRA, a public agency must provide non-privileged, non-exempt public records in response to a request that reasonably identifies a public record or records. The CPRA does not require a public agency to create documents, answer questions or interrogatories, or summarize any records to respond to a CPRA request. The CPRA also does not require a public agency to make disclosable records available within a certain time frame or by a set date established by the requestor. Rather, a public agency is required to make an initial determination whether it possesses disclosable public records responsive to the request(s) and set an estimated date when the records will be made available to the requestor. (Gov. Code, § 7922.535(a).) In addition, the Government Code exempts certain categories of records, and some of those exemptions may apply to your request. (See, e.g., Gov. Code § 7922.000.)

In making its initial determination, the CIF has consulted the CPRA, which exempts certain categories of records from disclosure. (See e.g., Gov. Code, § 7922.000; Evid. Code, §§ 954; 1040 subd. (b)(2).) To the extent that any responsive records fall within any of the categories covered by one or more of the exemptions to the CPRA, the CIF is not required to produce those records. The Government Code exempts certain categories of records, and some of those exemptions may apply to your request, including:

¹ While your request seeks record under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), Title 5 United States Code section 552¹, please be advised that FOIA applies to federal agencies and, as such, does not apply to the CIF. Since the CIF is not a federal agency falling under the purview of FOIA, this response is provided in accordance with the provisions of the CPRA.

- (1) Records, the content of which are exempt or prohibited to the extent that the public interest served by not disclosing the documents outweighs the public interest by disclosing the documents. (Gov. Code, § 7922.000.)
- (2) Records, the disclosure of which is exempted or prohibited pursuant to federal or state law, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Evidence Code relating to privilege, including the attorney-client privilege, provisions of the Evidence Code relating to the confidentiality of settlement discussions and negotiations regarding offers to compromise, and identifiable student information in violation of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”) and corresponding California state law. (Gov. Code, §§ 7927.700, 7927.705, 7922.000; Evid. Code, §§ 954, 1040 subd. (b)(2), 1119 subd. (c), 1152 subd. (a); 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; Ed. Code, §§ 33353 subd. (a)(5), 49076; *Poway Unified School District v. Superior Court (Copley Press)* (1998) 62 Cal.App.4th 1496, 1506.)
- (3) Personnel, medical, or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Gov. Code, § 7927.700.)
- (4) The general privacy exemption contained in Article I, section 1, of the California Constitution provides as follows:

All people are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights. Among these are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness, and privacy.

(See also *New York Times v. Superior Court* (1990) 218 Cal.App.3d 1579.)

The CPRA expressly recognizes that documents the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, are exempt. (Gov. Code, § 7927.700.) California courts have also recognized that documents may be withheld from a CPRA production on the basis of privacy when that privacy interest outweighs the interests of the public’s access to the information. (See, e.g., *California First Amendment Coalition v. Superior Court* (1998) 67 Cal.App.4th 159; *Wilson v. Superior Court* (1996) 51 Cal.App.4th 1136; *Braun v. City of Taft* (1984) 154 Cal.App.3d 332, 334; *San Gabriel Tribune v. Superior Court* (1983) 143 Cal.App.3d 762, 777; *Bakersfield City School District v. Superior Court* (2004) 118 Cal.App.4th 1041.)

Further, the CIF is exempt from producing any and all information/records related to a student’s athletic eligibility. (Education Code § 33353(a)(5).) Education Code section 33353, subd. (a) (5) provides that the CIF is entitled to the same restrictions applicable to school districts with regard to the non-disclosure of student-related records.

Based on the CIF’s good faith interpretation of your request, the following constitutes the CIF’s initial response regarding whether it has non-privileged, disclosable records in its possession responsive to your request.

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Request 1:

All reports, submitted to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) of harassment, assault, or other abuse from or against students asserting a gender-identity other than the one they were born with.

Response to Request 1:

Based on the CIF's good faith interpretation of your request, the CIF has determined that it does not have documents responsive to this request.

Request No. 2:

All other reports referring or relating to harassment, assault, or other abuse against students asserting a gender-identity other than the one they were born with.

Response to Request No. 2:

Based on the CIF's good faith interpretation of your request, the CIF has determined that it does not have documents responsive to this request.

Request No. 3:

All records of competitions won by "transgender girls" maintained by the CIF.

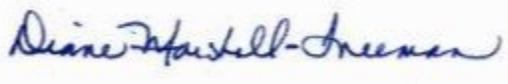
Response No. 3:

Based on the CIF's good faith interpretation of your request, the CIF has determined that it does not have documents responsive to this request. The CIF does not maintain a classification for "transgender girls."

The CIF is aware of its obligation under Government Code section 7922.600 to assist you in making more focused and effective requests that reasonably describe an identifiable record or records. Please contact me at your earliest convenience if you believe the CIF has misinterpreted your request and/or you would like the CIF to assist you in clarifying your request.

Sincerely,

FAGEN FRIEDMAN & FULFROST, LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane Marshall-Freeman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Diane Marshall-Freeman



August 25, 2025

VIA Email: Superintendent@cde.ca.gov
Tony Thurmond
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
California Department of Education
1430 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear State Superintendent Thurmond:

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Pursuant to the **California Public Records Act**, Cal. Gov’t Code § 7920.00 *et seq.*, we request the following:

I. Records Request

1. All reports, whether submitted by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) or not, of harassment, assault, or other abuse from students asserting a gender-identity other than the one they were born with.
2. All records of competitions won by “transgender girls.”

II. Fee Waiver Request

Following *N. Cty. Parents Org. v Dep’t of Ed.*, 23 Cal. App. 4th 144, 148, (1994) (holding that a local agency had discretionary authority under the Public Records Act to reduce or waive fees for duplicating public records), we request a waiver of all fees for this request.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jacob Meckler

America First Legal Foundation



December 19, 2025

VIA Portal

Nevada Department of Human Services
Public Information Officer
Director's Office
1000 North Division Street
Carson City, NV 89703

Dear Public Information Officer:

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I. Records Request

Under the Nevada Open Records Act, Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 239.010 *et seq.*, we request the following records:

1. All records and communications documenting criminal prosecutions and financial penalties on Nevada Department of Human Services employees for providing “gender-affirming” care to adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
2. All records documenting increases in depression and anxiety among transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
3. All records documenting negative mental and physical health impacts on transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
4. All records documenting increases in physical and mental healthcare for transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.

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7. All records documenting the reduction in services to transgender adolescent patients from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
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9. All records documenting Nevada exercising less regulatory control over the medical profession in the state from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
10. All records and communications mentioning the terms “Executive Order 14187,” or “Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation,” and “affect shape harm,” from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.

V. Fee Waiver Request

Under NRS.052(2), “A governmental entity may waive all or a portion of a charge or fee for a copy of a public record” if that agency adopts a written policy regarding fee waiver and posts that policy conspicuously in its office. Pursuant to that policy, we respectfully request that the fees related to our records request be waived.

VI. Conclusion

The Nevada Open Records Act requires a response in a reasonable time period. If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about when records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
/s/ Bobby Crossin
America First Legal Foundation



AFL FOIA <foia@aflegal.org>

[Records Center] Public Records Request :: R006380-121925

Nevada DHHS Public Records Center <nevadadhhs@govqa.us>
To: "foia@aflegal.org" <foia@aflegal.org>
Cc: "systems.advocate@dcsf.nv.gov" <systems.advocate@dcsf.nv.gov>

Mon, Dec 29, 2025 at 3:39 PM

--- Please respond above this line ---



Nevada Department of
Human Services

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RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of December 19, 2025, Reference # R006380-121925

Dear Will Scolinos,

The Nevada Department of Human Services received a public information request from you on December 19, 2025. Your request mentioned (and clarification received, if any):

- “1. All records and communications documenting criminal prosecutions and financial penalties on Nevada Department of Human Services employees for providing “gender-affirming” care to adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
2. All records documenting increases in depression and anxiety among transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
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10. All records and communications mentioning the terms “Executive Order 14187,” or “Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation,” and “affect shape harm,” from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.”

....

The Nevada Department of Human Services has reviewed its files and has determined there are no responsive documents to your request.

This request is considered complete; further inquiries can be made by [submitting a new public records request](#) with the Nevada Department of Human Services.

Sincerely,

Sara Velasquez
DCFS Systems Advocate/Public Information Officer
Division of Child and Family Services

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Public Records Center](#)





December 19, 2025

VIA Email: dph.foia@illinois.gov

Illinois Department of Public Health
Freedom of Information Officer
535 W. Jefferson St.
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

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Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/1, *et seq.*, we request the following records:

I. Records Request

1. All records and communications documenting criminal prosecutions and financial penalties on Illinois Department of Health employees for providing “gender-affirming” care to adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
2. All records documenting increases in depression and anxiety among transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
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10. All records and communications mentioning the terms “Executive Order 14187,” or “Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation,” and “affect shape harm,” from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.

II. Fee Waiver Request

We understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/6(c). However, the law allows you to impose a waiver or reduction of fees when information is sought in the public interest. A waiver is in the public interest when “the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit.”

III. Conclusion

We look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by the Act 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/3. If access to the requested records takes longer, please provide information about when the records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
/s/ Bobby Crossin
America First Legal Foundation



IDPH Freedom of Information Act Request DPH 25-1974 FOIA

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To: "foia@aflegal.org" <foia@aflegal.org>
Cc: "DPH.FOIA" <DPH.FOIA@illinois.gov>

Mon, Jan 12, 2026 at 9:36 PM

Dear Bobbie Cronin,

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request for the following: This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request for the following: 1. All records and

communications documenting criminal prosecutions and financial penalties on Illinois Department of Health employees for providing "gender-affirming" care to adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed. 2. All records documenting increases in depression and anxiety among transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed. 3. All records documenting negative mental and physical health impacts on transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed. 4. All records documenting increases in physical and mental healthcare for transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed. 5. All records documenting increases in expenses for mental health counseling, crisis services, and hospital admissions for transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed. 6. All records documenting that Illinois failed to satisfy its legal obligations to provide minors in its custody with medical care from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed. 7. All records documenting the reduction in services to transgender adolescent patients from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed. 8. All records documenting closings of adolescent gender care clinics from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed. 9. All records documenting Illinois exercising less regulatory control over the medical profession in the state from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed. 10. All records and communications mentioning the terms "Executive Order 14187," or "Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation," and "affect shape harm," from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.

The Department does not have records responsive to Parts 1 through 9 of this request. Records responsive to Part 10 can be downloaded from the following link until January 16, 2025: [PDF DPH 25-1974a FOIA Responsive Records.pdf](#). Your request has been approved in part and denied in part. Your request has been partially denied pursuant to Sections 7(1)(f) and 7(1)(m) of the Freedom of Information Act Request, 5 ILCS 140. Section 7(1)(f) exempts from release "preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda, and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated," 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). A couple of the emails included in the records were redacted because the content consisted of a plan for addressing a request or contained a draft response. Section 7(1)(m) exempts from release communications between a public body and an attorney representing the public body that would not be subject to discovery in litigation, or are prepared in anticipation of litigation, 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(m). I redacted various emails that contained requests for legal advice and responses to same.

You may request a review of this partial denial by contacting the Office of the Public Access Counselor at:

Leah Bartelt, Public Access Counselor

Office of the Illinois Attorney General

500 South 2nd Street

Springfield, IL 62701

public.access@ilag.gov

877-299-3642

You also have the right to file for injunctive or declaratory relief in the circuit court for Sangamon County or the county where you live (5 ILCS 140/11).

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this partial denial letter (5 ILCS 140/9.4(a)). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this partial denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

If I can be of further assistance, you can contact me at DPH.FOIA@Illinois.gov or by telephone at (312) 814-3577.

Sincerely,

Patricia C. Montalvo

Patricia C. Montalvo

Assistant General Counsel & FOIA Officer

Division of Legal Services

Illinois Department of Public Health

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December XX, 2025

VIA Email: DPH.RAO@state.ma.us

Helen Rush-Lloyd
Records Access Officer
Department of Public Health
250 Washington St.,
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Lloyd:

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I. Records Request

Under the Massachusetts Public Records Act, Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 66, § 1 *et seq.*, we are requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that the following records:

1. All records and communications documenting criminal prosecutions and financial penalties on Massachusetts Department of Public Health employees for providing “gender-affirming” care to adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
2. All records documenting increases in depression and anxiety among transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
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II. Preferred Format: Electronic records (PDF or native file format).

III. Exclusions: Mass Mailers, Newsletters, Listserv Traffic, Automated System Messages, and Non-Substantive Transmissions

II. Fee Waiver

Under Section 10(d)(v) of the Records Act, “the records access officer may waive or reduce the amount of any fee charged under this subsection upon a showing that disclosure of a requested record is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requestor.” We respectfully request a waiver of all fees for this request since the disclosure of the information we seek is not primarily in our commercial interest and is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, making the disclosure a matter of public interest. Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin has emphasized that “All agencies and municipalities are *strongly urged* to waive the fees associated with access to public records... .” See, William Galvin, A Guide to the Massachusetts Public Records Law, available at <https://www.mass.gov/files/2017-06/Public%20Records%20Law.pdf>, (Jan 2017) (emphasis added).

III. Conclusion

The Massachusetts Public Records Act requires a response to this request within 15 days. If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about when records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bobby Crossin
America First Legal Foundation



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Executive Office of Health and Human Services
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Via e-mail

January 15, 2026

Bobby Crossin
American First Legal Foundation
info@aflegal.org

Re: Public Records Request Dated December 19, 2025

Dear Bobby Crossin,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) responds to the above-referenced public records request (PRR) received on December 19, 2025, wherein you requested the following:

- 1. All records and communications documenting criminal prosecutions and financial penalties on Massachusetts Department of Public Health employees for providing "gender-affirming" care to adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.*
- 2. All records documenting increases in depression and anxiety among transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.*
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- 10. All records and communications mentioning the terms "Executive Order 14187," or "Protecting Children from*

Chemical and Surgical Mutilation,” and “affect shape harm,” from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.

DPH does not have records responsive to your request in its possession, custody, or control.

DPH now considers your request closed.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 66, § 10A, if you believe the agency has violated G.L. c. 66, § 10 and you made your request in writing, you may submit an appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth or seek judicial review by commencing a civil action in Suffolk Superior Court.

Sincerely,

Jennifer K. Soivilien
Deputy Records Access Officer

Cc: Helen Rush-Lloyd, Records Access Officer



December 19, 2025

VIA Portal

Connecticut Department of Public Health
Public Records Officer
410 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06134

Dear Public Records Officer:

America First Legal Foundation (“AFL”) is a national, nonprofit organization. AFL works to promote the rule of law in the United States, prevent executive overreach, ensure due process and equal protection for all Americans, and promote knowledge and understanding of the law and individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States. AFL’s mission includes promoting government transparency and accountability by gathering official information, analyzing it, and disseminating it through reports, press releases, and/or other media, including social media platforms, all to educate the public.

I. Records Request

Pursuant to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 *et seq.*, we request the following:

1. All records and communications documenting criminal prosecutions and financial penalties on Connecticut Department of Health employees for providing “gender-affirming” care to adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
2. All records documenting increases in depression and anxiety among transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
3. All records documenting negative mental and physical health impacts on transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
4. All records documenting increases in physical and mental healthcare for transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.

5. All records documenting increases in expenses for mental health counseling, crisis services, and hospital admissions for transgender adolescents from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
6. All records documenting that Connecticut failed to satisfy its legal obligations to provide minors in its custody with medical care from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
7. All records documenting the reduction in services to transgender adolescent patients from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
8. All records documenting closings of adolescent gender care clinics from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
9. All records documenting Connecticut exercising less regulatory control over the medical profession in the state from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.
10. All records and communications mentioning the terms “Executive Order 14187,” or “Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation,” and “affect shape harm,” from January 28, 2025, to the date this request is processed.

II. Fee Waiver Request

Per Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-212(d)(3), we request a waiver of all fees for this request since the disclosure of the information we seek is not primarily in our commercial interest and is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, making the disclosure a matter of public interest.

III. Conclusion

The Connecticut Freedom of Information Act requires a response within four business days. If access to the requested records takes longer than expected, please provide information about the extenuating circumstances that are delaying the response. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bobby Crossin
America First Legal Foundation

From: [Cass, Barbara](#)
To: [OlsenArmstrong, Jennifer](#)
Cc: [Cullen, Lorraine](#)
Subject: FW: Discuss White House Executive Order on Transgender Care
Date: Thursday, January 30, 2025 11:26:35 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello Jennifer:

Has CMS provided any guidance to states regarding any directives that have or may be coming out of the White House?

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From: [Knight, Aaron](#)
To: [Chaparro, Carmen](#)
Subject: FW: Important Message for HRSA Award Recipients
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:38:54 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Which grants were identified? Looks like the same standard HRSA notification



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From: Schott, Michelle <Michelle.Schott@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 10:05 AM
To: Knight, Aaron <Aaron.Knight@ct.gov>
Subject: FW: Important Message for HRSA Award Recipients

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From: [Knight, Aaron](#)
To: [Orefice, Adelita](#); [Morrissey, Lisa](#); [Fitzgerald, Maura](#); [Schott, Michelle](#); [Jakubowski, Nicholas](#); [Miller, Miriam](#); [St. Louis, Thomas](#); [Frugale, Elizabeth](#); [Razeg, Jafar](#); [Cullen, Lorraine](#); [Sosa, Lynn](#); [Violette, Colleen](#); [Beath, Hannah](#); [Young, Lawrence](#); [Provenzano, Francesca](#); [Vigil, Julie](#); [Roy, Christopher D](#); [Nicol, Jenna](#); [Nowek, Rachel](#)
Cc: [Fitzgerald, Maura](#); [Knight, Aaron](#); [Dave, Victor](#)
Subject: RE: Federal Funding Recission Updates - 2/20/25
Date: Friday, February 21, 2025 3:45:45 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[02_20_25_EO 14187 - Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation.pdf](#)

Hi All,

Yesterday evening, we received a new communication from HHS through a GrantSolutions email (see image below). The attached copy of the TRO that it referred to was missing, and the link directed you to the Federal Register with a new Executive Order. Please review the attached EO and let me know if it adversely impacts any of your Federal grants.

If so, please provide the name of the grant and the SID of the grant that was adversely impacted by this EO.

Thank you,

From: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) <no-reply@grantsolutions.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 6:41 PM
To: Sosa, Lynn <Lynn.Sosa@ct.gov>
Subject: Important Notice for Grant Recipients

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To All Federal Financial Assistance Recipients:

Please review the attached Notice of Court Order and attached Temporary Restraining Order (TRO). The Executive Order referenced in these documents can be found [here](#). If you have further questions, please reach out to your Grant Officer.



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From: [Frugale, Elizabeth](#)
To: [Amechi, Sheri](#); [Backus, Karyn](#); [Gauthier, Yvette](#); [Gonsalves, Lou](#); [Harizaj, Adora](#); [Maternowski, Izabela](#)
Subject: FW: Federal Funding Recission Updates - 2/20/25
Date: Friday, February 21, 2025 3:56:42 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[02_20_25_EO_14187 - Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation.pdf](#)

Sharing. I don't see any impact to HSS funding or federal grants related to this executive order, but sharing with you all for your feedback.

Thank you,
Beth



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From: Knight, Aaron <Aaron.Knight@ct.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 3:45 PM
To: Orefice, Adelita <Adelita.Orefice@ct.gov>; Morrissey, Lisa <Lisa.Morrissey@ct.gov>; Fitzgerald, Maura <Maura.Fitzgerald@ct.gov>; Schott, Michelle <Michelle.Schott@ct.gov>; Jakubowski, Nicholas <Nicholas.Jakubowski@ct.gov>; Miller, Miriam <Miriam.Miller@ct.gov>; St. Louis, Thomas <Thomas.St.Louis@ct.gov>; Frugale, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Frugale@ct.gov>; Razeq, Jafar <Jafar.Razeq@ct.gov>; Cullen, Lorraine <Lorraine.Cullen@ct.gov>; Sosa, Lynn <Lynn.Sosa@ct.gov>; Violette, Colleen <Colleen.Violette@ct.gov>; Beath, Hannah <Hannah.Beath@ct.gov>; Young, Lawrence <Lawrence.Young@ct.gov>; Provenzano, Francesca <Francesca.Provenzano@ct.gov>; Vigil, Julie <Julie.Vigil@ct.gov>; Roy, Christopher D <Christopher.D.Roy@ct.gov>; Nicol, Jenna <Jenna.Nicol@ct.gov>; Nowek, Rachel <Rachel.Nowek@ct.gov>
Cc: Fitzgerald, Maura <Maura.Fitzgerald@ct.gov>; Knight, Aaron <Aaron.Knight@ct.gov>; Daye, Victor <Victor.Daye@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Federal Funding Recission Updates - 2/20/25

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From: [Vacca, Laura](#)
To: [Chaparro, Carmen](#)
Cc: [Bundy, Julie](#)
Subject: RE: Communications Folder and Tracker
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 4:07:00 PM
Attachments: [DPH Federal Transition Communication Timeline.pdf](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Hi Carmen!

So, I'm 90% sure that I categorized everything correctly. Maybe you can just double check? Let me know if there is anything on the design that needs to change. It's sized for a 16:9 PPT presentation.

PS, the last communication (category is DEI, line 21) doesn't have a date in the excel file but I checked the link to the file, and it was dated Jan 29th, so that's where I put it on the timeline.

Let me know!



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From: Chaparro, Carmen <Carmen.Chaparro@ct.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 6:08 PM
To: Vacca, Laura <Laura.Vacca@ct.gov>
Cc: Bundy, Julie <Julie.Bundy@ct.gov>
Subject: FW: Communications Folder and Tracker

Hi Laura,
Please see Aaron's email below. I am looking in to why he counted the DEI and gender as one. Let me know if you any questions. Tomorrow is a travel day for me, but Sunday I will be home all day if you need me.

Thank you!
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From: Knight, Aaron <Aaron.Knight@ct.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 5:21 PM
To: Chaparro, Carmen <Carmen.Chaparro@ct.gov>
Subject: Communications Folder and Tracker

Tracker has dates and links to the documents received. Dates in the tracker should also match the dates in the file name. Column J shows what communications have an adverse impact. [DPH Federal Transition Communication Tracker.xlsx](#)

2nd tab shows the count for the number of individual grant impact across 7 categories. The DEI and Gender are merged into 1 document and count as 1 category for all CDC grants. The SSA communication for SID 20203 isn't included because that sid was removed by Fiscal.

 [01_27_25 Acting CFO IJJA and IRA Pause Memo.pdf](#)

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 ATSDR + ALL CDC - DEI and Gender Ideology EOs.pdf	ATSDR + ALL CDC - DEI and Gender Ideology Eos	1
 01_29_25_Important Update for SLRP Grantees.pdf	SLRP	1 114

Here's a OneDrive link to [Communications](#).

DPH Federal Transition Communication Timeline





January 27, 2025

CUI//SP-BUDG

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funding Action Pause

FROM: Gregg Trembl, Chief Financial Officer (Acting) **GREGG TREML**

TO: Deputy Assistant Administrators
Deputy Associate Administrators
Deputy Regional Administrators

Digitally signed by
GREGG TREML
Date: 2025.01.27
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This message is being provided based on instruction from OMB.

In accordance with the Executive Order [Unleashing American Energy](#), unobligated funds (including unobligated commitments) appropriated by the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-169) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58) are paused. Pursuant to this pause, the Compass financial system will temporarily not allow obligations to be made in these lines of accounting. EPA is in discussions with the Office of Management and Budget on the continuation of payroll in IJIA and IRA.

Additionally, all disbursements for unliquidated obligations funded by any line of accounting including funds appropriated by the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-169) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58), are paused. Additional details on the pause in disbursements will be provided separately by the Office of the Controller.

This pause will allow for the review of processes, policies and programs as required by Section 7 of the Order.

All related actions, including new contract, grant, rebate and interagency actions, to include drawdowns, for IJIA and IRA are paused. Offices are not to put IJIA or IRA lines of accounting on any actions and all current actions are paused. Further, no IJIA or IRA funded travel is permissible at this time and all upcoming travel funded from either should be cancelled.

A process has been established at OMB for their review and approval of obligations and disbursements based on the Order. We will continue to update the community. We appreciate your work to ensure compliance with the Order.

cc: Lek Kadeli
Meshell Jones-Peeler
Paige Hanson
Senior Resource Officials
Senior Budget Officers
Regional Comptrollers
Funds Control Officers

Controlled by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

From: [Goss, Maryanne](#)
To: [Vigil, Julie](#); [Gacek, Paul](#); [Hamrick, Justin](#); [Squires, Jennifer](#)
Subject: FW: Important Update for SLRP Grantees
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 1:25:29 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
Importance: High

FYI

From: Johnson, Jessica Ann (HRSA) <JJohnson3@hrsa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 1:07 PM
Subject: Important Update for SLRP Grantees
Importance: High

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Greetings Grantees,

Thank you for your patience. Yesterday, we learned about an executive order that has temporarily halted all federal assistance, including loans and grants. Many of you have reached out with questions regarding the State Loan Repayment Program. As of now, we are unaware of any changes to the program, but we will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates via email if anything changes. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your continued support of our programs and your collaboration in delivering primary healthcare services to underserved communities.

Thank you for your understanding.



*Jessica Johnson, MSHA
Management Analyst/Project Officer
State Loan Repayment Program
Division of National Health Service Corps
Bureau of Health Workforce
Health Resources and Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

From: [Namias, Mitchell](#)
To: [Buchelli, Marianne](#); [Sosa, Lynn](#); [Greenlee, Delores](#)
Subject: Fw: Important Message for HRSA Award Recipients
Date: Friday, January 31, 2025 4:08:48 PM

Thanks,

Mitch

From: Health Resources and Services Administration <hrsa@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 4:07:49 PM
To: Namias, Mitchell <Mitchell.Namias@ct.gov>
Subject: Important Message for HRSA Award Recipients

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Dear Recipient:

Your Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) award is funded in whole or in part with U.S. government funds.

Effective immediately, HRSA grant funds may not be used for activities that do not align with Executive Orders (E.O.) entitled [Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing](#), [Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Action](#), [Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation](#), and [Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government \(Defending Women\)](#). Any vestige, remnant, or re-named piece of any programs in conflict with these E.O.s are terminated in whole or in part.

You may not incur any additional costs that support any programs, personnel, or activities in conflict with these E.O.s

If you have any questions, contact us at DGMOCommunications@hrsa.gov.

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From: [Nicol, Jenna](#)
To: [Morrissey, Lisa](#)
Cc: [Knight, Aaron](#)
Subject: FW: eBeaches Impact of Executive Orders
Date: Monday, February 3, 2025 9:07:17 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[OMB Form 00A01424-0 \(006\).pdf](#)
[OMB Form 00A01473-0.pdf](#)

Good morning,

Please see the below correspondence from EPA to Toxicology regarding the two attached grants.

Thank you,



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From: Kallander, David <David.Kallander@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 9:04 AM
To: Nicol, Jenna <Jenna.Nicol@ct.gov>; Harvey, Margaret <Margaret.Harvey@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: eBeaches Impact of Executive Orders

SID21888, Beach Monitoring and Notification Implementation Grants, CU-00A01424. That's for the 2024 season. There's also a FY2024 grant award (for the 2025 season) that we are technically in, although the beach season hasn't started yet, of course. That grant is CU-00A01473. I've attached both notices in case that helps.

Let me know if I missed something.

From: Nicol, Jenna <Jenna.Nicol@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 8:40 AM
To: Kallander, David <David.Kallander@ct.gov>; Harvey, Margaret <Margaret.Harvey@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: eBeaches Impact of Executive Orders

What is the specific name and NOA number of this grant?

Jenna Nicol



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From: Kallander, David <David.Kallander@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 8:37 AM
To: Harvey, Margaret <Margaret.Harvey@ct.gov>; Nicol, Jenna <Jenna.Nicol@ct.gov>
Subject: FW: eBeaches Impact of Executive Orders

FYI. Bill Kramer is from EPA Headquarters and manages the beach grant portal, data calls, and is the contact for anything related to beach data.

From: Kramer, Bill <Kramer.Bill@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 4:15 PM
Cc: Contreras Balbuena, Andrea <ContrerasBalbuena.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: eBeaches Impact of Executive Orders

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All –

To avoid unintentional contravention of recent Executive Orders I have been directed to request a pause on all work under our contracts supporting the eBeaches Project, until a more thorough assessment of the EOs can be done. This affects our ability to provide technical assistance to you.

As of today, IntePros will not be available to provide technical assistance. So, on the Support page <https://www.epa.gov/beaches/submitting-beach-data-epa#support> where you see Jimmy Bisese (james.bisese@tetrattech.com); instead, contact me and Andrea (email above).

We ask that before contacting us, if you are having a problem with a submission, look at a prior successful similar submission to see if your current submission has detectable errors. Also, please review the guidance documents on the Submitting to EPA page, for guidance on preparing or responding to an error message.

We have also been directed to not initiate meetings, calls, or workgroups; therefore, next week I may cancel the CALL scheduled for February 5th.

I will update this message, as necessary.

Thank you.

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Bill Kramer

Cell: 443-223-4720 please leave message



THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON
20250 - 0100

February 25, 2025

Dear State, Tribal, Territorial, and Local Government Partners,

On February 19, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order entitled "[Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders](#)." As Secretary of Agriculture, I am committed to fulfilling the President's Executive Order.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture plays an important role in providing nutrition services to vulnerable populations in the interest of our Nation. Program eligibility rules are determined by Congress. In 1996, Congress passed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA, P.L. 104-193) that generally prohibits illegal aliens from receiving Federal benefits, including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. With its enactment, illegal aliens in the United States should not depend on taxpayer dollars to take care of their needs. President Trump's Executive Order reaffirms this important national policy—and puts the needs of Americans first. It is essential to use all available legal authority to end any incentives in FNS benefit programs that encourage illegal immigration. The President has made clear the status quo is not acceptable.

Recently, I directed senior staff at FNS to review the public benefit programs it administers at the Federal level to ensure alignment with the President's Executive Order. Following that review, FNS will implement necessary changes so all its programs are consistent with Federal law, including PRWORA. FNS will also work to revise public messaging so that information about program eligibility is accurate and does not encourage illegal aliens to use public benefit programs. Furthermore, FNS will take measures to improve eligibility verification and deter fraud.

Additionally, in accordance with the President's Executive Order, FNS will identify and effectuate measures consistent with law to prevent Federal resources from being used to support "sanctuary" policies of State and local jurisdictions that protect illegal aliens from deportation.

I look forward to working with State, Tribal, territorial, and local government partners to achieve the purpose of the President's Executive Order. I am confident its implementation will help feed low-income Americans, improve program integrity, and exercise sound stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Thank you for your continued work to help address the nutritional needs of vulnerable Americans. I welcome any ideas you might have in improving the administration of FNS nutrition programs and achieving alignment with the President's Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brooke L. Rollins".

Brooke L. Rollins
Secretary

U.S. Department of Agriculture



January 29, 2025

Dear Recipient:

This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) award is funded in whole or in part with United States Government funds.

To implement Executive Orders entitled *Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing* and *Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Action*, you must immediately terminate, to the maximum extent, all programs, personnel, activities, or contracts promoting “diversity, equity, and inclusion” (DEI) at every level and activity, regardless of your location or the citizenship of employees or contractors, that are supported with funds from this award. Any vestige, remnant, or re-named piece of any DEI programs funded by the U.S. government under this award are immediately, completely, and permanently terminated.

No additional costs must be incurred that would be used to support any DEI programs, personnel, or activities.

If you are a global recipient and have previously received this notification regarding DEI activities, please follow those instructions accordingly.



Dear Recipient:

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To implement the Executive Order entitled *Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism And Restoring Biological Truth To The Federal Government* ([Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism And Restoring Biological Truth To The Federal Government – The White House](#)), and in accordance with Office of Personnel Management's Initial Guidance ([Memorandum to Heads and Acting Heads of Departments and Agencies: Initial Guidance Regarding President Trump's Executive Order Defending Women](#)), you must immediately terminate, to the maximum extent, all programs, personnel, activities, or contracts promoting or inculcating gender ideology at every level and activity, regardless of your location or the citizenship of employees or contractors, that are supported with funds from this award. Any vestige, remnant, or re-named piece of any gender ideology programs funded by the U.S. government under this award are immediately, completely, and permanently terminated.

No additional costs must be incurred that would be used to support any gender ideology programs, personnel, or activities.

Any questions should be directed to PRISM@cdc.gov

From: [Morrissey, Lisa](#)
To: [Knight, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Chaparro, Carmen](#)
Subject: FYSA: ATSDR Grant conversations with CDC
Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 2:36:23 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

For the file.

Lisa Michelle Morrissey, MPH (she/her/hers)
Deputy Commissioner
Connecticut Public Health



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From: Harvey, Margaret <Margaret.Harvey@ct.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 9:09 AM
To: Nicol, Jenna <Jenna.Nicol@ct.gov>; Bisacky, Patricia <Patricia.Bisacky@ct.gov>
Subject: ATSDR Grant conversations with CDC

Per our conversation yesterday, this is a recap of 2 phone conversations I have had with my CDC/ATSDR project officer in the past 2 days.

ATSDR hopes to be allowed to release 20% of our year 3 grant funds soon. They were not able to say when is "soon." Our new grant year starts 4/1/25. They were not able to say when the remaining 80% would be released but did say the release of the funds would depend on the new federal budget.

ATSDR also stated that by COB March 4, I must resubmit my budget narrative and workplan

that were in my continuing application for year 3 funding (originally submitted in December 2024) after removing any activities that include terms related to activities prohibited under the Executive Orders. These terms include climate, EJ, equity, disparity, underserved and gender. We have very few activities that include any of these terms so I do not expect to make many changes to my documents. I am directed to submit these documents directly to my project officer, not through Grant Solutions.



MEG HARVEY

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January 29, 2025

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To implement Executive Orders entitled *Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing* and *Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Action*, you must immediately terminate, to the maximum extent, all programs, personnel, activities, or contracts promoting “diversity, equity, and inclusion” (DEI) at every level and activity, regardless of your location or the citizenship of employees or contractors, that are supported with funds from this award. Any vestige, remnant, or re-named piece of any DEI programs funded by the U.S. government under this award are immediately, completely, and permanently terminated.

No additional costs must be incurred that would be used to support any DEI programs, personnel, or activities.

If you are a global recipient and have previously received this notification regarding DEI activities, please follow those instructions accordingly.



Dear Recipient:

This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) award is funded in whole or in part with United States Government funds.

To implement the Executive Order entitled *Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism And Restoring Biological Truth To The Federal Government* ([Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism And Restoring Biological Truth To The Federal Government – The White House](#)), and in accordance with Office of Personnel Management's Initial Guidance ([Memorandum to Heads and Acting Heads of Departments and Agencies: Initial Guidance Regarding President Trump's Executive Order Defending Women](#)), you must immediately terminate, to the maximum extent, all programs, personnel, activities, or contracts promoting or inculcating gender ideology at every level and activity, regardless of your location or the citizenship of employees or contractors, that are supported with funds from this award. Any vestige, remnant, or re-named piece of any gender ideology programs funded by the U.S. government under this award are immediately, completely, and permanently terminated.

No additional costs must be incurred that would be used to support any gender ideology programs, personnel, or activities.

Any questions should be directed to PRISM@cdc.gov





	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Grant Agreement		GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00A01424 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 0 PROGRAM CODE: CU	DATE OF AWARD 08/07/2023	
			TYPE OF ACTION New		MAILING DATE 08/10/2023
			PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP		ACH# 10124
			RECIPIENT TYPE: State		
RECIPIENT: Connecticut Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Ave., P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134-0308 EIN: 06-6000798			PAYEE: Connecticut Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Ave., P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134-0308		
PROJECT MANAGER David Kallander 410 Capitol Ave, MS#11EOH Hartford, CT 06134-0308 Email: David.Kallander@ct.gov Phone: 860-936-1125		EPA PROJECT OFFICER Alicia Grimaldi 5 Post Office Sq, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912 Email: Grimaldi.Alicia@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1806		EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Robert Smith Grant Management Branch 5 Post Office Sq, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912 Email: Smith.Robert.F@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1960	
PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION Beach Monitoring and Notification Project for Connecticut Coastal Beaches See Attachment 1 for project description.					
BUDGET PERIOD 10/01/2023 - 05/31/2025	PROJECT PERIOD 10/01/2023 - 05/31/2025	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$236,000.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$236,000.00		
NOTICE OF AWARD					
Based on your Application dated 06/27/2023 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$236,000.00. EPA agrees to cost-share 100.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$236,000.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.					
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)			AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE		
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 1 , EPA New England 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912			ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 1, EPA New England R1 - Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912		
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official for Arthur Johnson - Director, Mission Support Division Fred Weeks - Award Official Delegate				DATE 08/07/2023	

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$0	\$236,000	\$236,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recipient Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Allowable Project Cost	\$0	\$236,000	\$236,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.472 - Beach Monitoring and Notification Program Implementation Grants	Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2000 (PL 106-284) & Clean Water Act: Sec. 406	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

Fiscal									
Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
-	230101G072	23	E1	01V1	000B23	4156	-	-	\$236,000
									\$236,000

Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-Construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$90,867
2. Fringe Benefits	\$76,902
3. Travel	\$4,186
4. Equipment	\$0
5. Supplies	\$12,151
6. Contractual	\$0
7. Construction	\$0
8. Other	\$13,730
9. Total Direct Charges	\$197,836
10. Indirect Costs: 0.00 % Base -	\$38,164
11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %)	\$236,000
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$236,000
13. Program Income	\$0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$236,000
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$236,000

Attachment 1 - Project Description

The purpose of this grant agreement is to fund the applicant's efforts to collect water samples from designated recreational beaches in Connecticut. The water samples will be tested for bacteriological water quality and the public will be notified when the waters exceed the applicable water quality standards and when they are safe for swimming. These public notification efforts will protect human health by reducing the risk to the bathing public of contracting diseases from contaminated water. Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) will monitor designated recreational beaches in Connecticut for bacteriological water quality and notify the public when the waters exceed the applicable water quality standards. The project continues the work of CT DPH to implement its statewide coastal beach monitoring, assessment, and notification program under the federal BEACH Act. Activities include: monitoring and analysis of indicator bacteria at coastal beaches; maintaining and operating a public notification system; improving laboratory capability and web-based data systems, including GIS coverage; providing technical assistance to communities to assess pollution sources at specific beaches; and annually reporting to EPA the results of monitoring and notification actions electronically and in an EPA-specified format. Deliverables include reporting consistent with EPA and Beach Program guidance and schedules on water sampling and public notification efforts. The applicant will also submit beach monitoring data to EPA in an EPA-specified format. Beneficiaries of the program include all residents and tourists that visit the marine beaches in Connecticut. Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) has a Memorandum of Understanding with Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) for the monitoring and public notification at state park beaches.

Administrative Conditions

National Administrative Terms and Conditions

General Terms and Conditions

The recipient agrees to comply with the current EPA general terms and conditions available at:

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-general-terms-and-conditions-effective-october-1-2022-or-later>.

These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as a part of the award and the terms, conditions, or restrictions cited throughout the award.

The EPA repository for the general terms and conditions by year can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/grant-terms-and-conditions#general>.

A. Correspondence Condition

The terms and conditions of this agreement require the submittal of reports, specific requests for approval, or notifications to EPA. Unless otherwise noted, all such correspondence should be sent to the following email addresses

- Federal Financial Reports (SF-425): rtpfc-grants@epa.gov
- MBE/WBE reports (EPA Form 5700-52A): **Grants Specialist on Page 1 of Award Document AND Larry Wells, Disadvantaged Business Utilization Program Manager: r1_mbewbereport@epa.gov**
- All other forms/certifications/assurances, Indirect Cost Rate Agreements, Requests for Extensions of the Budget and Project Period, Amendment Requests, Requests for other Prior Approvals, updates to recipient information (including email addresses, changes in contact information or changes in authorized representatives) and other notifications: **Grants Specialist and Project Officer on Page 1 of Award Document**
- Payment requests (if applicable): **Project Officer on Page 1 of Award Document**
- Quality Assurance documents, workplan revisions, equipment lists, programmatic reports and deliverables: **Project Officer on Page 1 of Award Document AND R1QAPPs@epa.gov**

Programmatic Conditions

1. The recipient will provide electronic submissions of 2024 monitoring and notification data consistent with their data submission plan and national Beach Guidance by January 31, 2025.
2. The recipient will provide quarterly updates (can be in the form of meetings, e-mails, or phone conversations).
3. The recipient will submit an annual report (based on guidance from EPA Region 1 Beach Program) by April 1, 2025 summarizing program activities, budget, and deliverables, including:
 - a. Summary of monitoring results and notification (beach action days);
 - b. Consistency with Beach Program performance criteria, including updates to and changes in the lists of beaches and tiered monitoring plan; and
 - c. Other deliverables specified in the workplan.

4. The recipient will develop Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP) for all applicable projects and tasks involving environmental information operations in accordance with the most current version of EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans. Regional guidance documents and national guidance documents may be helpful in meeting the requirements.

“Environmental information operations” is a collective term for work performed to collect, produce, evaluate, or use environmental information or the design, construction, operation, or application of environmental technology. For EPA, environmental information includes direct measurements of environmental parameters or processes, analytical testing of environmental conditions, information provided by models, information compiled from other sources such as databases, software applications, or existing literature, the development of environmental software, tools, or models, or the design, construction, operation, or application of environmental technology.

The QAPP must be approved by EPA prior to environmental information operations, except under circumstances requiring immediate action to protect human health and the environment or operations conducted under police powers. Unless an alternate schedule has been agreed upon, QAPPs are to be submitted at least 60 days before project activities begin. QAPPs are submitted electronically to the following:

EPA Project Officer/Tribal Coordinator (see page 1 of assistance agreement for contact information) and Regional Quality Assurance Branch via R1QAPPs@epa.gov

****If electronic submission is unavailable, please contact the Project Officer/Tribal Coordinator for submittal instructions.***

For organizations with an EPA-approved Quality Management Plan (QMP), the recipient will submit an annual update letter to EPA documenting progress over the year and any changes to the QMP. Annual update letters will be sent every year for four years until the expiration of the QMP (five years from initial EPA approval). Annual QA update letters will be sent to the EPA Project Officer/Tribal Coordinator and the RQAM on the anniversary of the approval of the QMP by the RQAM; or on another mutually agreeable schedule. In addition, for multi-year projects, the grantee shall confirm that the QAPP is current and accurate.

5. The recipient will make monitoring data available to the public, including posting on a website.

6. The recipient will report monitoring data to EPA at least annually or at a frequency that the EPA Administrator determines. Reported data must be consistent with the reporting requirements specified at: <https://www.epa.gov/beach-tech/submitting-data-epa>.

7. The recipient will be required to send at least one staff member to the National Beach Conference (held every two years) and a Regional Workshop every year, as scheduled. Dates and events may change; grantees shall coordinate with the Project Officer or Regional Beach Coordinator.

8. The recipient will notify EPA of any problems, delays, or adverse conditions which materially impair the ability to meet the terms and conditions specified in the workplan.

9. The recipient will report on its subaward monitoring activities and comply with the EPA Subaward Terms and Conditions: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-11/documents/gpi-16-01-subaward-policy_attachments.pdf

10. All geospatial data created must be consistent with Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) endorsed standards. Information on these standards may be found at www.fgdc.gov.

11. Cybersecurity Condition

(a) The recipient agrees that when collecting and managing environmental data under this assistance agreement, it will protect the data by following all applicable State law cybersecurity requirements.

(b) (1) EPA must ensure that any connections between the recipient's network or information system and EPA networks used by the recipient to transfer data under this agreement, are secure.

For purposes of this Section, a connection is defined as a dedicated persistent interface between an Agency IT system and an external IT system for the purpose of transferring information. Transitory, user-controlled connections such as website browsing are excluded from this definition.

If the recipient's connections as defined above do not go through the Environmental Information Exchange Network or EPA's Central Data Exchange, the recipient agrees to contact the EPA Project Officer (PO) and work with the designated Regional/Headquarters Information Security Officer to ensure that the connections meet EPA security requirements, including entering into Interconnection Service Agreements as appropriate. This condition does not apply to manual entry of data by the recipient into systems operated and used by EPA's regulatory programs for the submission of reporting and/or compliance data.

(2) The recipient agrees that any subawards it makes under this agreement will require the subrecipient to comply with the requirements in (b)(1) if the subrecipient's network or information system is connected to EPA networks to transfer data to the Agency using systems other than the Environmental Information Exchange Network or EPA's Central Data Exchange. The recipient will be in compliance with this condition: by including this requirement in subaward agreements; and during subrecipient monitoring deemed necessary by the recipient under 2 CFR 200.332(d), by inquiring whether the subrecipient has contacted the EPA Project Officer. Nothing in this condition requires the recipient to contact the EPA Project Officer on behalf of a subrecipient or to be involved in the negotiation of an Interconnection Service Agreement between the subrecipient and EPA.

	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Grant Agreement	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 00A01473	DATE OF AWARD 08/20/2024
		MODIFICATION NUMBER: 0	MAILING DATE 08/23/2024
		PROGRAM CODE: CU	ACH# 10124
		TYPE OF ACTION New	
RECIPIENT TYPE: State		Send Payment Request to: Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov	
RECIPIENT:		PAYEE:	
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTICUT 410 Capitol Ave Hartford, CT 06134-0308 EIN: 06-6000798		DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTICUT 410 Capitol Ave Hartford, CT 06134-0308	
PROJECT MANAGER	EPA PROJECT OFFICER	EPA GRANT SPECIALIST	
David Kallander 410 Capitol Ave Hartford, CT 06134-0308 Email: David.Kallander@ct.gov Phone: 860-936-1125	Alicia Grimaldi 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912 Email: Grimaldi.Alicia@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1806	Robert Smith Grants Management Specialist 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912 Email: Smith.Robert.F@epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1960	
PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION Beach Monitoring and Notification Project for Connecticut Coastal Beaches: 2025 Season See Attachment 1 for project description.			
BUDGET PERIOD 10/01/2024 - 05/31/2026	PROJECT PERIOD 10/01/2024 - 05/31/2026	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$ 206,000.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$ 206,000.00
NOTICE OF AWARD			
Based on your Application dated 06/21/2024 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$ 206,000.00. EPA agrees to cost-share <u>100.00%</u> of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$ 206,000.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.			
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)		AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE	
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS		ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS	
U.S. EPA, Region 1, EPA New England 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912		U.S. EPA, Region 1, Water Division R1 - Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Arthur Johnson - Director, Mission Support Division			DATE 08/20/2024

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$ 0	\$ 206,000	\$ 206,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 0	\$ 206,000	\$ 206,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.472 - Beach Monitoring and Notification Program Implementation Grants	Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2000 (PL 106-284) & Clean Water Act: Sec. 406	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

Fiscal									
Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
-	240101G078	24	E1	01V1	000B23	4156	-	-	\$ 206,000
									\$ 206,000

Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-Construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$ 65,980
2. Fringe Benefits	\$ 53,057
3. Travel	\$ 4,186
4. Equipment	\$ 0
5. Supplies	\$ 41,335
6. Contractual	\$ 0
7. Construction	\$ 0
8. Other	\$ 13,730
9. Total Direct Charges	\$ 178,288
10. Indirect Costs: 0.00 % Base -	\$ 27,712
11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %)	\$ 206,000
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$ 206,000
13. Program Income	\$ 0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$ 206,000
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$ 206,000

Attachment 1 - Project Description

The purpose of this grant agreement is to fund the applicant's efforts to collect water samples from designated recreational beaches in Connecticut. The water samples will be tested for bacteriological water quality and the public will be notified when the waters exceed the applicable water quality standards and when they are safe for swimming. These public notification efforts will protect human health by reducing the risk to the bathing public of contracting diseases from contaminated water. Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) will monitor designated recreational beaches in Connecticut for bacteriological water quality and notify the public when the waters exceed the applicable water quality standards. The project continues the work of CT DPH to implement its statewide coastal beach monitoring, assessment, and notification program under the federal BEACH Act. Activities include: monitoring and analysis of indicator bacteria at coastal beaches; maintaining and operating a public notification system; improving laboratory capability and web-based data systems, including GIS coverage; providing technical assistance to communities to assess pollution sources at specific beaches; and annually reporting to EPA the results of monitoring and notification actions electronically and in an EPA-specified format. Deliverables include reporting consistent with EPA and Beach Program guidance and schedules on water sampling and public notification efforts. The applicant will also submit beach monitoring data to EPA in an EPA-specified format. Beneficiaries of the program include all residents and tourists that visit the marine beaches in Connecticut. Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) has a Memorandum of Understanding with Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) for the monitoring and public notification at state park beaches.

Administrative Conditions

National Administrative Terms and Conditions

General Terms and Conditions

The recipient agrees to comply with the current EPA general terms and conditions available at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-general-terms-and-conditions-effective-october-1-2023-or-later>.

These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as a part of the award and the terms, conditions, or restrictions cited throughout the award.

The EPA repository for the general terms and conditions by year can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/grant-terms-and-conditions#general>.

A. Correspondence Condition

The terms and conditions of this agreement require the submittal of reports, specific requests for approval, or notifications to EPA. Unless otherwise noted, all such correspondence should be sent to the following email addresses:

- Federal Financial Reports (SF-425): rtpfc-grants@epa.gov
- MBE/WBE reports (EPA Form 5700-52A): **Grants Specialist on Page 1 of Award Document AND Larry Wells, Disadvantaged Business Utilization Program Manager: r1_mbewbereport@epa.gov**
- All other forms/certifications/assurances, Indirect Cost Rate Agreements, Requests for Extensions of the Budget and Project Period, Amendment Requests, Requests for other Prior Approvals, updates to recipient information (including email addresses, changes in contact information or changes in authorized representatives) and other notifications: **Grants Specialist and Project Officer on Page 1 of Award Document**
- Workplan revisions, equipment lists, programmatic reports and deliverables: **Project Officer on Page 1 of Award Document**
- Quality Assurance documents, **Project Officer on Page 1 of Award Document AND R1QAPPs@epa.gov**

Programmatic Conditions

A. PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. The recipient will provide electronic submissions of 2025 monitoring and notification data consistent with their data submission plan and national Beach Guidance by January 31, 2026.
2. The recipient will provide quarterly updates (can be in form of meetings, e-mails, or phone conversations).
3. The recipient will submit an annual report (based on guidance from EPA Region 1 beach program) summarizing program activities, budget, and deliverables, including:
 - a. Summary of monitoring results and notification (beach action days) by April 1, 2026.
 - b. Consistency with beach program performance criteria including updates to and changes in the lists of beaches and the tiered monitoring plan.
 - c. Other deliverables specified in the workplan.
 - d. The recipient agrees to submit **annual** performance reports electronically to the EPA Project Officer within 90 days after the annual reporting period ends on *[Insert date XXXX]*. The recipient must submit the final performance report no later than 120 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance.
 - e. If **quarterly or semi-annual** performance reports are required, they are to be submitted electronically to the EPA Project Officer within 30 days after the reporting period (every three- or six-month period). The reporting periods are *[Insert dates XXXX]*.
4. The recipient will make monitoring data available to the public, including posting on a website.
5. The recipient will report monitoring data to EPA at least annually or at a frequency that the EPA Administrator determines. Reported data must be consistent with the reporting requirements specified at: <https://www.epa.gov/beach-tech/submitting-data-epa>.
6. The recipient will be required to send at least one staff member to the National Beach Conference (held every two years) and a Regional Workshop every year, as scheduled. Dates and events may change; grantees shall coordinate with the Project Officer or Regional Beach Coordinator.
7. The recipient will notify EPA of any problems, delays, or adverse conditions which materially impair the ability to meet the terms and conditions specified in the workplan.
8. The recipient will report on its subaward monitoring activities and comply with the EPA [Subaward Terms and Conditions](#).
9. All geospatial data created must be consistent with Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) endorsed standards. Information on these standards may be found at www.fgdc.gov.

B. Quality Assurance Project Plan(s) (QAPP)

Prior to beginning environmental information operations, the recipient must:

- a. Prepare a QAPP(s) for all applicable projects and tasks involving environmental information operations in accordance with the current version of EPA's [Quality Assurance Project Plan \(QAPP\) Standard](#);
- b. Submit the document for EPA review and approval at least sixty (60) days before environmental information operations begin. QAPPs are submitted by e-mail to both the EPA Project Officer (PO) (see page 1 of the assistance agreement for contact information) and the Region 1 Quality Assurance Branch (QAB) at R1QAPPS@epa.gov;
- c. Obtain EPA approval from both the EPA PO and Regional Quality Assurance Manager (RQAM) (or delegated QA Reviewer) prior to the start of environmental information operations.

C. Quality Management Plan (QMP) (only applicable to organizations with existing, EPA-approved QMPs)

- a. Submit the current EPA-approved QMP to the EPA Project Officer (PO) within sixty (60) days after grant award. The EPA PO will confirm that the QMP remains current (i.e., it was approved by EPA within the last five-years). The EPA PO shall confirm the status of the QMP with Region 1 Quality Assurance Manager (RQAM), if needed.
- b. The recipient must review their EPA-approved QMP at least annually. These reviews shall be documented and made available to the EPA PO and/or RQAM, if requested. When necessary, the recipient shall revise its QMP to incorporate minor changes and notify the EPA PO and RQAM of the changes. If significant changes have been made to the Quality Program that affect the performance of environmental information operations, it may be necessary to re-submit the entire QMP for re-approval. In general, a copy of any QMP revision(s) made during the year should be submitted to the EPA PO and RQAM in writing when such changes occur. Conditions requiring the revision and resubmittal of an approved QMP can be found in section 6 of EPA's [Quality Management Plan \(QMP\) Standard](#)

“Environmental information operations” is a collective term for work performed to collect, produce, evaluate, or use environmental information and the design, construction, operation, or application of environmental technology. For EPA, environmental information includes direct measurements of environmental parameters or processes, analytical testing of environmental conditions, information provided by models, information compiled from other sources such as databases, software applications, or existing literature, the development of environmental software, tools, or models, or the design, construction, operation, or application of environmental technology.

To assist meeting these requirements, regional guidance documents and resources are available at [Region 1 Quality Program Documents](#) and national (Agency-wide) QA Directives are available at [EPA Quality Program Directives](#)

D. Competency Policy

Competency of Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data

In accordance with Agency Policy Directive Number FEM-2012-02, [Policy to Assure the](#)

Competency of Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data under Agency-Funded Assistance Agreements.

Recipient agrees, by entering into this agreement, that it has demonstrated competency prior to award, or alternatively, where a pre-award demonstration of competency is not practicable, Recipient agrees to demonstrate competency prior to carrying out any activities under the award involving the generation or use of environmental data. Recipient shall maintain competency for the duration of the project period of this agreement and this will be documented during the annual reporting process. A copy of the Policy is available online at <https://www.epa.gov/measurements-modeling/documents-about-measurement-competency-under-assistance-agreements> or a copy may also be requested by contacting the EPA Project Officer for this award.

E. Cybersecurity Condition

- a. The recipient agrees that when collecting and managing environmental data under this assistance agreement, it will protect the data by following all applicable State law cybersecurity requirements.
- b. (1) EPA must ensure that any connections between the recipient's network or information system and EPA networks used by the recipient to transfer data under this agreement, are secure.

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Reason	Description	Pages (Count)
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From: [Chaparro, Carmen](#)
To: [Morrissey, Lisa](#)
Cc: [Knight, Aaron](#)
Subject: FW: Communications Folder and Tracker
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 9:01:01 PM
Attachments: [DPH Federal Transition Communication Timeline.pdf](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Hi DC and Aaron,
Attached is Laura's first go at your timeline. DC, please let us know if this is what you want/are looking for. Any changes/suggestions/needs can be made Monday morning.

Thank you,
Carmen



CARMEN CHAPARRO, MS
Public Health Section Chief
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860-969-7879
carmen.chaparro@ct.gov

From: Vacca, Laura <Laura.Vacca@ct.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 2, 2025 4:07 PM
To: Chaparro, Carmen <Carmen.Chaparro@ct.gov>
Cc: Bundy, Julie <Julie.Bundy@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Communications Folder and Tracker

Hi Carmen!

So, I'm 90% sure that I categorized everything correctly. Maybe you can just double check? Let me know if there is anything on the design that needs to change. It's sized for a 16:9 PPT presentation.

PS, the last communication (category is DEI, line 21) doesn't have a date in the excel file but I checked the link to the file, and it was dated Jan 29th, so that's where I put it on the timeline.

Let me know!



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From: Chaparro, Carmen <Carmen.Chaparro@ct.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 6:08 PM
To: Vacca, Laura <Laura.Vacca@ct.gov>
Cc: Bundy, Julie <Julie.Bundy@ct.gov>
Subject: FW: Communications Folder and Tracker

Hi Laura,
Please see Aaron's email below. I am looking in to why he counted the DEI and gender as one. Let me know if you any questions. Tomorrow is a travel day for me, but Sunday I will be home all day if you need me.

Thank you!
C



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From: Knight, Aaron <Aaron.Knight@ct.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 5:21 PM



December 19, 2025

VIA Email

Illinois Power Agency
Freedom of Information Act Officer
180 N Wabash Ave, Suite 500
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Kelly A. Turner:

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I. Records Request

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/1, *et seq.*, we request the following:

1. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations identifying an increase in harmful air pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, or greenhouse gas emissions, within the State of Illinois after January 20, 2025, to present.
2. All records identifying or documenting adverse effects on Illinois’ (a) navigational safety interests; (b) transportation interests; (c) state security interests; (d) state commercial or economic interests; and (e) marine mammals within the state, that the agency has assessed, analyzed, or communicated after January 20, 2025, to present.
3. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations for cancellations of wind-energy projects that have resulted in documented adverse climate effects to the State of Illinois after January 20, 2025, to present.

II. Fee Waiver Request

We understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/6(c). However, the law allows you to impose a waiver or reduction of fees when information is sought in the public interest. A waiver is in the public interest when “the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit.”

III. Conclusion

We look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by the Act 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/3. If access to the requested records takes longer, please provide information about when the records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
/s/ Bobby Crossin
America First Legal Foundation

ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY

January 6, 2026

America First Legal Foundation
FOIA@AFLegal.org

RE: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Requestor:

The Illinois Power Agency (“IPA” or “Agency”) has reviewed your request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA” – 5 ILCS 140) received December 19, 2025 in which you requested the following:

- 1) *All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations identifying an increase in harmful air pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, or greenhouse gas emissions, within the State of Illinois after January 20, 2025, to present.*
- 2) *All records identifying or documenting adverse effects on Illinois’ (a) navigational safety interests; (b) transportation interests; (c) state security interests; (d) state commercial or economic interests; and (e) marine mammals within the state, that the agency has assessed, analyzed, or communicated after January 20, 2025, to the present.*
- 3) *All records of agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations for cancellations of wind-energy projects that have resulted in documented adverse climate effects to the State of Illinois after January 20, 2025, to present.*

The Agency has conducted a search and has determined that it does not have any records responsive to any of the three requests.

The authority of the Illinois Power Agency does not extend to conducting assessments or analyses of harmful air pollutants, and the Agency has issued no findings or determinations related to such assessments after January 20, 2025, to the date of your request.

The Agency’s authority does not extend to items (a), (b), (c), and (e) of your second request. Additionally, the Agency does not maintain records identifying or documenting adverse effects on Illinois’ navigational safety interests, state transportation interests, state security interests, state commercial or economic interests and marine mammals within the state. As such, the Agency does not possess any records responsive to this request.

Finally, the Agency has not conducted any assessments or analyses of, nor rendered any findings or determinations for cancellations of wind energy projects that have resulted in documented adverse climate effects to the State of Illinois after January 20, 2025, to the date of your request.

ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY

You have a right to have the Agency's response to your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62701
Tel: (877) 299-3642
Fax: (217) 782-1396
Email: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this response. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original request and this letter when filing a Request for Review.

Should you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me using the information listed below.

Sincerely,



Kelly A. Turner
Chief Legal Counsel
Illinois Power Agency
Kelly.A.Turner@Illinois.gov
(312) 814-4101



December 19, 2025

VIA Email: Anwar.Johnson@illinois.gov

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Records Mgmt.
2520 W Iles Ave
Springfield, IL 62794

Dear Sharon Dowson:

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I. Records Request

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/1, *et seq.*, we request the following:

1. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations identifying an increase in harmful air pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, or greenhouse gas emissions, within the State of Illinois after January 20, 2025, to present.
2. All records identifying or documenting adverse effects on Illinois’ (a) navigational safety interests; (b) transportation interests; (c) state security interests; (d) state commercial or economic interests; and (e) marine mammals within the state, that the agency has assessed, analyzed, or communicated after January 20, 2025, to present.
3. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations for cancellations of wind-energy projects that have resulted in documented adverse climate effects to the State of Illinois after January 20, 2025, to present.

II. Fee Waiver Request

We understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/6(c). However, the law allows you to impose a waiver or reduction of fees when information is sought in the public interest. A waiver is in the public interest when “the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit.”

III. Conclusion

We look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by the Act 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/3. If access to the requested records takes longer, please provide information about when the records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
/s/ Bobby Crossin
America First Legal Foundation



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Illinois EPA FOIA Response

Dowson, Sharon <Sharon.Dowson@illinois.gov>
To: "foia@aflegal.org" <foia@aflegal.org>

Mon, Dec 29, 2025 at 4:11 PM



December 29, 2025

America First Legal Foundation

Attn: Mr. Bobby Crossin

611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231

Washington, DC 20003

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request - 138917

Dear Mr. Crossin:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.) request dated December 19, 2025 and received by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) on December 19, 2025.

Following a search, the Illinois EPA has determined there to be no information responsive to your request.

Requested Information

1. Findings of increased harmful air pollutants after January 20, 2025
2. Findings of adverse effects on Illinois' transportation safety, navigational safety, state security, commercial/economic interests, or marine mammals after January 20, 2025
3. Finding that cancelled wind-energy projects have resulted in adverse climate effects after January 20, 2025

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anwar Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anwar" and the last name "Johnson" clearly distinguishable.

Anwar Johnson

Illinois EPA FOIA Officer

217.558.5101

<http://www.epa.illinois.gov/foia/index>

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December 19, 2025

VIA Email

Maryland Energy Administration
MPIA Representative
1800 Washington Blvd. Ste. 755
Baltimore, MD 21230

Dear Gary Malveaux:

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I. Records Request

Under the Maryland Public Information Act (PIA), Md. Code, State Gov’t, § 4-101 *et seq.*, from the period of January 20, 2025, we are requesting the following records:

1. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations identifying an increase in harmful air pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, or greenhouse gas emissions, within the State of Maryland after January 20, 2025, to present.
2. All records identifying or documenting adverse effects on Maryland’s (a) navigational safety interests; (b) transportation interests; (c) state security interests; (d) state commercial or economic interests; and (e) marine mammals within the state, that the agency has assessed, analyzed, or communicated after January 20, 2025, to present.
3. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations for cancellations of wind-energy projects that have resulted in documented adverse climate effects to the State of Maryland after January 20, 2025, to present.

II. Fee Waiver

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Under Section 4-206(e), the official custodian may waive any fee or cost assessed under the PIA if the applicant asks for a waiver and if, under 4-206(e)(2)(ii), the official custodian determines that a waiver would be in the public interest. We respectfully request a waiver of all fees. Our request is in the public interest because it is not commercial in nature, and it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government.

III. Conclusion

The Maryland Public Information Act requires a response to this request within 30 days. If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about when the records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bobby Crossin
America First Legal Foundation



Wes Moore, Governor
Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor
Ian Ullman, Acting Director

13 January 2026

Dear Bobby Crossin,

This letter is in response to your request under the Maryland Public Information Act, dated December 19, 2025, to the Maryland Energy Administration (“MEA”).

Your MPIA request sought:

1. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations identifying an increase in harmful air pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, or greenhouse gas emissions, within the State of Maryland after January 20, 2025, to present.
2. All records identifying or documenting adverse effects on Maryland’s (a) navigational safety interests; (b) transportation interests; (c) state security interests; (d) state commercial or economic interests; and (e) marine mammals within the state, that the agency has assessed, analyzed, or communicated after January 20, 2025, to present.
3. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations for cancellations of wind-energy projects that have resulted in documented adverse climate effects to the State of Maryland after January 20, 2025, to present.

After an extensive review, we do not have any documents responsive to your request.

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-362, you are entitled to seek judicial review of this decision. Alternatively, you may file a request for mediation with the Public Access Ombudsman and, if the Ombudsman is unable to resolve the matter, you may subsequently seek a resolution from the Public Information Act Compliance Board for those matters within its jurisdiction.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Malveaux".

Gary Malveaux
MPIA Officer

Maryland Energy Administration

Cc: David A. Shapiro, Esq., Assistant Attorney General



December 19, 2025

VIA Email: DEP.PublicRecords@mass.gov

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Records Access Officer
100 Cambridge Street, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Rachel M. Cohen:

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I. Records Request

Under the Massachusetts Public Records Act, Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 66, § 1 *et seq.*, we request the opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of the following records:

1. All records reflecting any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations identifying harm to Massachusetts’ efforts to secure new forms of energy that have been attributed to, or asserted as resulting from, President Trump’s January 20, 2025, Presidential Memorandum halting federal approvals for wind-energy projects.
2. All records reflecting any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations identifying an increase in harmful air pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, or greenhouse gas emissions, within the State of Massachusetts attributed to, or asserted as resulting from, President Trump’s January 20, 2025, Presidential Memorandum halting federal approvals for wind-energy projects.
3. All records sufficient to show any identified or documented adverse effects on Massachusetts (a) navigational safety interests; (b) transportation interests; (c) state security interests; (d) state commercial or economic interests; and (e) marine mammals within the state, that the agency has assessed, analyzed, or

communicated as resulting from, President Trump's January 20, 2025 Presidential Memorandum halting federal approvals for wind-energy projects.

4. All records reflecting any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations that President Trump's January 20, 2025, Presidential Memorandum halting federal approvals for wind-energy projects has resulted in documented adverse climate effects to the State of Massachusetts.

II. Fee Waiver

Under Section 10(d)(v) of the Records Act, "the records access officer may waive or reduce the amount of any fee charged under this subsection upon a showing that disclosure of a requested record is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requestor." We respectfully request a waiver of all fees for this request since the disclosure of the information we seek is not primarily in our commercial interest and is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, making the disclosure a matter of public interest. Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin has emphasized that "All agencies and municipalities are *strongly urged* to waive the fees associated with access to public records... ." See, William Galvin, A Guide to the Massachusetts Public Records Law, available at <https://www.mass.gov/files/2017-06/Public%20Records%20Law.pdf>, (Jan 2017) (emphasis added).

III. Conclusion

The Massachusetts Public Records Act requires a response to this request within 15 days. If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about when the records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bobby Crossin
America First Legal Foundation



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Department of Environmental Protection

Address: 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston MA 02114 | Phone: 617-292-5500

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January 2, 2026

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Bobby Crossin
America First Legal Foundation
foia@aflegal.org

Re: Public Records Request re: New York v. Trump (Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Protection)

Dear Mr. Crossin:

This letter responds to your public records request received by this office on December 19, 2025, seeking agency records pertaining to President Trump's January 20, 2025, Presidential Memorandum halting federal approvals for wind-energy projects.

After a reasonable search, the Department has found no records responsive to your request.

If you do not believe that MassDEP has responded to your request in accordance with the Public Records Law, you may appeal MassDEP's response to the Supervisor of Public Records within the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Any such appeal must be made in writing within ninety days and comply with the requirements of 950 CMR 32.08(1). You may also file a civil action in accordance with M.G.L. c. 66, § 10A.

If you have any questions, you may reach me at Rachel.M.Cohen@mass.gov.

Sincerely,



Rachel Cohen

MassDEP Records Manager



December 19, 2025

VIA Portal

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
FOIA Coordinator
P.O. Box 30457
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear FOIA Coordinator:

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I. Records Request

Under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Mich. Comp. Laws § 15.231 *et seq.*, for the period of January 20, 2025, to present, we request the following:

1. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations identifying an increase in harmful air pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, or greenhouse gas emissions, within the State of Michigan after January 20, 2025, to present.
2. All records identifying or documenting adverse effects on Michigan’s (a) navigational safety interests; (b) transportation interests; (c) state security interests; (d) state commercial or economic interests; and (e) marine mammals within the state, that the agency has assessed, analyzed, or communicated after January 20, 2025, to present.
3. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations for cancellations of wind-energy projects that have resulted in documented adverse climate effects to the State of Michigan after January 20, 2025, to present.

II. Fee Waiver Request

Per Mich. Comp. Laws § 15.234(2), “A search for a public record may be conducted or copies of public records may be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge if the public body determines that a waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest because searching for or furnishing copies of the public record can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public.” We respectfully request a waiver of all fees for this request because our request is in the public interest; it is 1) made for the purpose of disseminating information to the general public, and 2) not commercial in nature.

III. Conclusion

The Michigan Freedom of Information Act requires a response to this request within five days. If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about when records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bobby Crossin
America First Legal Foundation



FOIA Request :: E603843-121925

EGLE FOIA Request Center <michiganegle@govqa.us>
To: "foia@aflegal.org" <foia@aflegal.org>

Fri, Jan 16, 2026 at 4:05 PM

--- Please respond above this line ---

January 16, 2026

Reference Number: E603843-121925

Bobby Crossin
611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Bobby Crossin:

This notice responds to your request for records received by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq.*

You requested the following:

Public Record Desired: 1. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations identifying an increase in harmful air pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, or greenhouse gas emissions, within the State of Michigan after January 20, 2025, to present.

2. All records identifying or documenting adverse effects on Michigan's (a) navigational safety interests; (b) transportation interests; (c) state security interests; (d) state commercial or economic interests; and (e) marine mammals within the state, that the agency has assessed, analyzed, or communicated after January 20, 2025, to present.

3. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations for cancellations of wind-energy projects that have resulted in documented adverse climate effects to the State of Michigan after January 20, 2025, to present..

Address of Requested Site: ,

The purpose of the FOIA is to provide the public with access to existing, nonexempt public records of public bodies. After a search, to the best of this public body's knowledge, information, and belief, the public record(s) do not exist as described by you, or by another name or description reasonably known to the public body regarding bullets number 2 and 3 as follows: 2. All records identifying or documenting adverse effects on Michigan's (a) navigational safety interests; (b) transportation interests; (c) state security interests; (d) state commercial or economic interests; and (e) marine mammals within the state, that the agency has assessed, analyzed, or communicated after January 20, 2025, to present. 3. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations for cancellations of wind-energy projects that have resulted in documented adverse climate effects to the State of Michigan after January 20, 2025, to present.; therefore, your request to examine or receive a copy of the documents described above is denied.

Further, Section 3(1) of the FOIA requires that a requesting person's written request must describe a public record sufficiently to enable the public body to find the public record. Regarding bullet number 1: All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations identifying an increase in harmful air pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, or greenhouse gas emissions, within the State of Michigan after January 20, 2025, to present, EGLE is unable to search for the records you seek given the information you have provided. EGLE attempted seeking clarification regarding your request on January 6, 2026 and January 15, 2026, but has not received a response back. Inasmuch EGLE does not have enough information to search for responsive records. For this reason your request is denied.

Please note: EGLE does not have any findings, assessments or determinations, but will have trend analyses of any increase or decrease in all criteria air pollutants (lead, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, particulate matter less than 2.5 micros and 10 micros) that is measured in the 2025 Annual Air Quality Report. This is public information posted on the AQD website. The 2025 report will be posted around mid-2026. Further, all data collected is publicly available from EPA at <https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data>. The data from 2025 is available through October 2025. The fourth quarter data will be available by March 2026.

As to the denial, under Section 10 of the FOIA, MCL 15.240, EGLE is obligated to inform you that you may do the following:

1) Appeal this decision in writing to the Senior Deputy Director, EGLE, P.O. Box 30473, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7973. The writing must specifically state the word “appeal” and identify the requester’s reason or reasons for the reversal of the denial. The Senior Deputy Director, or their delegated designee, must respond to the appeal within 10 business days of its receipt. Under unusual circumstances, the time for response to the appeal may be extended by 10 business days.

2) Commence a civil action in the Court of Claims within 180 days after the date of the final determination to partially deny the request. If you prevail in such an action, the court is to award reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements, and possible damages.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please access your online account and reply to the message found there. To review a copy of EGLE’s FOIA policy and procedure, public written summary, and several online databases, go to www.michigan.gov/eglefoia.

Kind regards,

EGLE FOIA



October 8, 2025

VIA Email cdphe_recordsrequests@state.co.us
Kim Bimestefer
Executive Director
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
303 E. 17th Ave, Suite 1100
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Executive Director Bimestefer:

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Pursuant to the **Colorado Open Records Act**, Col. Rev. Stat. § 24-72-201 *et seq.*, we request the following:

I. Records Request

1. All audits from March 2025 through the present showing data leaks or unauthorized disclosure of Medicaid beneficiary data shared with the federal government.
2. All records from March 2025 through the present documenting data leaks or unauthorized disclosures of Medicaid beneficiary information shared with the federal government.
3. All records, including the results of any audit or investigation, showing the sharing of Colorado state Medicaid beneficiary data with any immigration authority within the state.
4. All records showing that DOGE’s activities from January 2025 to the present interfered with the state’s ability to administer its Medicaid program.
5. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that the state incurred increased uncompensated costs for hospital care in which a treatment or

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service was not paid for by an insurer or patient, yet is still mandated to be provided by EMTALA.

6. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that Medicaid-receiving hospitals in the state have been able to serve fewer patients in need.
7. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that State healthcare providers have faced increased administrative costs and burdens.
8. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens and individuals in mixed-status families have deferred primary or preventative healthcare.
9. From January 2025 to the present, all documented deaths in the state of undocumented immigrants and their children have been due to a lack of medical care.
10. From January 2025 to the present, all records showing that the state incurred greater costs and burdens to conduct outreach efforts for enrolling families and children in federally-funded healthcare programs.
11. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens were more reluctant to enroll in fully state-funded public health insurance programs.

II. Fee Waiver Request

Per Col. Rev. Stat. § 24-72-205(4), we request a waiver of all fees for this request since the disclosure of the information we seek is not primarily in our commercial interest, and is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the government's operations or activities, making the disclosure a matter of public interest.

III. Conclusion

The Colorado Open Records Law requires a response within three working days. If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about the extenuating circumstances delaying the response. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Will Scolinos

America First Legal Foundation

From: Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing Open Records Portal coloradohcpf@govqa.us
Subject: CORA Request :: R001031-100825
Date: October 8, 2025 at 2:55 PM
To: foia@aflegal.org



Dear Will Scolinos:

Thank you for your interest in the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

The Department will begin processing your Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request for volume, clarity, and applicable CORA fees upon receipt by the Custodian.

Your request has been assigned reference number, R001031-100825

You Requested: 1. All audits from March 2025 through the present showing data leaks or unauthorized disclosure of Medicaid beneficiary data shared with the federal government. 2. All records from March 2025 through the present documenting data leaks or unauthorized disclosures of Medicaid beneficiary information shared with the federal government. 3. All records, including the results of any audit or investigation, showing the sharing of Colorado state Medicaid beneficiary data with any immigration authority within the state. 4. All records showing that DOGE's activities from January 2025 to the present interfered with the state's ability to administer its Medicaid program. 5. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that the state incurred increased uncompensated costs for hospital care in which a treatment or service was not paid for by an insurer or patient, yet is still mandated to be provided by EMTALA. 6. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that Medicaid-receiving hospitals in the state have been able to serve fewer patients in need. 7. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that State healthcare providers have faced increased administrative costs and burdens. 8. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens and individuals in mixed-status families have deferred primary or preventative healthcare. 9. From January 2025 to the present, all documented deaths in the state of undocumented immigrants and their children have been due to a lack of medical care. 10. From January 2025 to the present, all records showing that the state incurred greater costs and burdens to conduct outreach efforts for enrolling families and children in federally-funded healthcare programs. 11. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens were more reluctant to enroll in fully state-funded public health insurance programs.

Related to: Other

The Department will contact you prior to a response if it has questions about your request.

You will receive an email when your request has been completed and can monitor the request at the link below.

Thank you for your CORA inquiry.

Sincerely,

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [CORA Request Portal](#)

From: Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing Open Records Portal coloradohcpf@govqa.us
Subject: [CORA Records Center] CORA Request :: R001031-100825
Date: October 13, 2025 at 11:07 AM
To: foia@aflegal.org



--- Please respond above this line ---



RE: CORA REQUEST of October 08, 2025, Reference # R001031-100825

Dear Will,

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing is in receipt of your Colorado Open Records (CORA) request for records. You requested:

1. All audits from March 2025 through the present showing data leaks or unauthorized disclosure of Medicaid beneficiary data shared with the federal government.
2. All records from March 2025 through the present documenting data leaks or unauthorized disclosures of Medicaid beneficiary information shared with the federal government.
3. All records, including the results of any audit or investigation, showing the sharing of Colorado state Medicaid beneficiary data with any immigration authority within the state.
4. All records showing that DOGE's activities from January 2025 to the present interfered with the state's ability to administer its Medicaid program.
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11. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens were more reluctant to enroll in fully state-funded public health insurance programs.

The Department has searched for records and is unable to locate records as described by your request.

Sincerely,

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [CORA Request Portal](#)





October 8, 2025

VIA NextRequest Online Portal
Kim Merolla-Brito
Director
Rhode Island Department of Human Services
25 Howard Ave Building 57
Cranston, RI 02920

Dear Director Merolla-Brito:

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Under the **Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act**, R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-1 *et seq.*, we are requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of the following public records:

I. Records Request

1. All audits from March 2025 through the present showing data leaks or unauthorized disclosure of Medicaid beneficiary data shared with the federal government.
2. All records from March 2025 through the present documenting data leaks or unauthorized disclosures of Medicaid beneficiary information shared with the federal government.
3. All records, including the results of any audit or investigation, showing the sharing of Rhode Island state Medicaid beneficiary data with any immigration authority within the state.
4. All records showing that DOGE’s activities from January 2025 to the present interfered with the state’s ability to administer its Medicaid program.
5. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that the state incurred increased uncompensated costs for hospital care in which a treatment or

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II. Fee Waiver Request

Under, the Access to Public Records Act 38-2-4(e), “A court may reduce or waive the fees for costs charged for search or retrieval if it determines that the information requested is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” Although this provision refers to courts and not agencies, we respectfully request that all fees related to the production of the requested information be waived, as our request is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in any commercial interest.

III. Conclusion

Rhode Island’s Legislature placed importance on the right of citizens to know what their government is doing. The Legislature said, “The public's right to access to public records and the individual's right to dignity and privacy are both recognized to be principles of the utmost importance in a free society.”¹ If you intend to deny this request to produce records, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify us of the appeal procedures available. If you cannot produce the requested documents within 10 business days, please provide an estimate of the soonest date you can produce them. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would

¹ R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-1.

facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Will Scolinos

America First Legal Foundation

From: Health Human Services Dept RI Public Records messages@nextrequest.com
Subject: Your Health & Human Services Dept, RI public records request #25-71 has been submitted.
Date: October 8, 2025 at 4:02 PM
To: foia@aflegal.org



-- Attach a non-image file and/or reply ABOVE THIS LINE with a message, and it will be sent to staff on this request. --

Health & Human Services Dept, RI Public Records

Your record request #25-71 has been submitted successfully.

[View Request 25-71](#)

<https://healthandhumanservicesdepts-ri.nextrequest.com/requests/25-71>

As the requester, you can always see the status of your request by signing into the Health & Human Services Dept, RI [portal](#).

If you haven't already signed in, you may need to [activate or setup your account](#) to get started. Once your account is activated, you can communicate directly with the Health & Human Services Dept, RI through NextRequest.



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Reply to this email or sign in to contact Health & Human Services Dept, RI.

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From: Health Human Services Dept RI Public Records messages@nextrequest.com
Subject: [External Message Added] Health & Human Services Dept, RI public records request #25-71
Date: October 10, 2025 at 11:33 AM
To: foia@aflegal.org



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Health & Human Services Dept, RI Public Records

A message was sent to you regarding record request #25-71:

Greetings:

The Rhode Island Department of Human Services (“DHS”) is in receipt of the above- referenced public records request. Your request is governed by Rhode Island General Laws (“RIGL”) § 38-2-1 *et seq.* entitled “Access to Public Records” (“APRA” or “Act”). The Act defines the term “public record” in RIGL § 38-2-2 (4), as follows: (4) “Public record” or “public records” shall mean all documents, papers ... or other material regardless of physical form or characteristics made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency.

DHS Response:

Unfortunately, DHS does not have or maintain the records you requested. The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) has a Medicaid Division that may be able to assist you. The EOHHS website for APRA requests is <https://eohhs.ri.gov/reference-center/forms-applications>

If you would like to appeal any portion of this response you may do so in accordance with the provisions of R.I. General Laws 38-2-8 to Kimberly Merolla-Brito, Director, Department of Human Services, 25 Howard Avenue, Louis Pasteur Building 57, Cranston, RI 02920, to the Rhode Island Attorney General, or in the Superior Court through judicial action.

Respectfully,
Michael D. Coleman, Esq.
DHS Office of Legal Services

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Questions about your request? Reply to this email or sign in to contact staff at Health & Human Services Dept, RI.

Technical support: See our [help page](#)

From: Health Human Services Dept RI Public Records messages@nextrequest.com
Subject: Your Health & Human Services Dept, RI public records request #25-71 has been closed.
Date: October 10, 2025 at 11:34 AM
To: foia@aflegal.org



– Attach a non-image file and/or reply ABOVE THIS LINE with a message, and it will be sent to staff on this request. –

Health & Human Services Dept, RI Public Records

Record request #25-71 has been closed. The closure reason supplied was:

We do not have the records you requested. We suggest you submit a public records request to the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS).

[View Request 25-71](#)

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October 8, 2025

VIA Email: dhs@dhs.hawaii.gov
Ryan Yamane
Director
Department of Human Services
1390 Miller Street
Room 209
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Director Yamane:

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Pursuant to the **Hawaii Open Records Law**, Haw. Rev. Stat. § 91-1 *et seq.*, We are requesting the following records:

I. Records Request

1. All audits from March 2025 through the present showing data leaks or unauthorized disclosure of Medicaid beneficiary data shared with the federal government.
2. All records from March 2025 through the present documenting data leaks or unauthorized disclosures of Medicaid beneficiary information shared with the federal government.
3. All records, including the results of any audit or investigation, showing the sharing of Hawaii state Medicaid beneficiary data with any immigration authority within the state.
4. All records showing that DOGE’s activities from January 2025 to the present interfered with the state’s ability to administer its Medicaid program.
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II. Fee Waiver Request

Per HAR § 2-71-31(d)(2) and HAR § 2-71-32(b), it is required that there is a mandatory fee waiver of the first \$30, and an agency shall waive \$60 of the fees that may be assessed if the agency finds that the waiver of fees would be in the public interest.¹ We request a waiver of all fees, which would be in the public interest because 1) the requested record pertains to the operation or activities of the agency 2) the record(s) are not readily available for the public to view 3) we have the primary intention and the ability to widely disseminate information from the record to the public at large.

III. Conclusion

Haw. Code R. § 2-71-13 provides that records available for public access in their entirety be disclosed within ten business days. If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about when records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

¹ Haw. Rev. Stat. §§ 2-71-31(d)(2), 2-71-32

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Will Scolinos

America First Legal Foundation

ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO REQUESTER

TO: WILL SCOLINOS
FROM: Department of Human Services, dhs@dhs.hawaii.gov
(Agency and name & email address to contact agency)

DATE REQUEST RECEIVED: October 8, 2025

DATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: **October 9, 2025**

GOVERNMENT RECORDS YOU REQUESTED: (attach copy of request or provide brief description below)

1. See attached.
- 2.
- 3.

This acknowledgment is provided in accordance with section 2-71-13, Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”), because the following extenuating circumstance(s) exist:

- Agency must consult with another person to determine whether the record is exempt from disclosure under chapter 92F, HRS.
- Request requires extensive agency efforts to search, review, or segregate the records, or otherwise prepare the records for inspection or copying.
- Agency requires additional time to respond to the request in order to avoid an unreasonable interference with its other statutory duties and functions.
- A natural disaster or other situation beyond the agency’s control prevents the agency from sending a notice or responding to the request within ten business days.

Due to these extenuating circumstances, the agency will send you the written notice required by section 2-71-14, HAR, within a reasonable time not to exceed twenty business days following the date when the agency received your request. Among other things, this notice will inform you whether the agency intends (1) to disclose the record; (2) to deny access to all or part of the information in the requested record, identifying the portions that will not be disclosed and justifying the nondisclosure; or (3) that the agency is unable to disclose the record for the reasons given. The notice will also include the agency’s good faith estimate of all fees that will be charged to the requester under section 2-71-19, HAR and the amount of prepayment required by the agency, if any.

If the agency is providing access to records, the agency will then:

- (1) Disclose the requested records within five business days after providing notice or, when applicable, after receiving a prepayment as provided for under section 2-71-19, HAR;

or

- (2) Disclose the requested records in increments because the requested records are voluminous. See HAR § 2-71-15. Each increment will be disclosed within twenty business days after either (A) the prior incremental disclosure (if one prepayment of fees is required and received) or (B) receipt of each incremental prepayment required.

For questions about this acknowledgment, please contact the agency at the email address provided above. Questions regarding compliance with the UIPA may be directed to the Office of Information Practices at 808-586-1400 or oip@hawaii.gov.

AMENDED ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO REQUESTER

TO: WILL SCOLINOS
FROM: Department of Human Services, dhs@dhs.hawaii.gov
(Agency and name & email address to contact agency)

DATE REQUEST RECEIVED: October 8, 2025

DATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: **October 9, 2025. This replaces the previous Acknowledgment to Requester sent earlier on October 9, 2025.**

GOVERNMENT RECORDS YOU REQUESTED: (attach copy of request or provide brief description below)

1. See attached.
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NOTICE TO REQUESTER

TO: Will Scolinos, America First Legal Foundation
(Requester's name)

FROM: State of Hawai'i, Department of Human Services,

DATE THAT THE RECORD REQUEST WAS RECEIVED BY AGENCY: October 8, 2025

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: November 4, 2025

GOVERNMENT RECORDS YOU REQUESTED (attach copy of request or provide brief description below):

1. See attached copy of request.

THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR RECORD REQUEST:

Will be granted in its entirety.

Cannot be granted. Agency is unable to disclose the requested records for the following reason:

Agency does not maintain the responsive records for requests # 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11. (HRS § 92F-3)

Agency needs further clarification or description of the records requested. Please contact the agency and provide the following information:

Requests 6, 8, and 11 require agency to create a summary or compilation from records, but requested information is not readily retrievable. (HRS § 92F-11(c))

Will be granted in part (Requests 2, 4, and 8 attached) and denied in part (see above), OR **Is denied in its entirety. Although the agency maintains the requested records, it is not disclosing all or part of them based on the exemptions provided in HRS § 92F-13 and/or § 92F-22 or other laws cited below.**

(Describe the portions of records that the agency will not disclose.)

RECORDS OR INFORMATION WITHHELD	APPLICABLE STATUTES	AGENCY JUSTIFICATION
Communications between agency staff and the Department of the Attorney General for the purpose of litigation	HRS §92F-13(2)	Attorney-client privileged communications.

REQUESTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

You are required to (1) pay any lawful fees and costs assessed; (2) make any necessary arrangements with the agency to inspect, copy or receive copies as instructed below; and (3) provide the agency any additional information requested.

For questions about this notice or the records being sought, please ask the agency's contact person named at the top of this form. Also, please submit your payment, if any, to the agency at the address listed at the top of this form. **DO NOT SEND YOUR PAYMENT** to the Office of Information Practices (OIP) unless you are requesting records directly from OIP.

If you do not comply with the requirements set forth in this notice within 20 business days after the postmark date of this notice or the date the agency makes the records available, you will be presumed to have abandoned your request and the agency shall have no further duty to process your request. Once the agency begins to process your request, you

may be liable for any fees and costs incurred. If you wish to cancel or modify your request, you must advise the agency upon receipt of this notice.

Please note that the Office of Information Practices (OIP) does not maintain the records of other agencies, and a requester must seek records directly from the agency it believes maintains the records. If the agency denies or fails to respond to your written request for records or if you have other questions regarding compliance with the UIPA, then you may contact OIP at (808) 586-1400, oip@hawaii.gov, or 250 South Hotel Street, Suite 107, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813.

METHOD & TIMING OF DISCLOSURE:

Records available for public access in their entirety must be disclosed within a reasonable time, not to exceed 10 business days from the date the request was received, or after receipt of any prepayment required. Records not available in their entirety must be disclosed within 5 business days after this notice or after receipt of any prepayment required. HAR § 2-71-13(c). If incremental disclosure is authorized by HAR § 2-71-15, the first increment must be disclosed within 5 business days of this notice or after receipt of any prepayment required.

Method of Disclosure:

- Inspection at the following location:
- As requested, a copy of the record(s) will be provided in the following manner:
 - Available for pick-up at the following location:
 - Will be mailed to you.
 - Will be transmitted to you by other means requested:

Timing of Disclosure: All records, or the first increment if applicable, will be made available or provided to you:

- On _____, 20____.
- After prepayment** of 50% of fees and 100% of costs, as estimated below.

For incremental disclosures, each subsequent increment will be disclosed within 20 business days after:

- The prior increment (if one prepayment of fees is required and received), or
- Receipt of each incremental prepayment, if prepayment for each increment is required.

Records will be disclosed in increments because the records are voluminous and the following extenuating circumstances exist:

- Agency must consult with another person to determine whether the record is exempt from disclosure under HRS chapter 92F.
- Request requires extensive agency efforts to search, review, or segregate the records or otherwise prepare the records for inspection or copying.
- Agency requires additional time to respond to the request in order to avoid an unreasonable interference with its other statutory duties and functions.
- A natural disaster or other situation beyond agency's control prevents agency from responding to the request within 10 business days.

ESTIMATED FEES & COSTS AND PAYMENT:

FEES: For personal record requests under Part III of chapter 92F, HRS, the agency may charge you for its costs only, and fee waivers do not apply.

For public record requests under Part II of chapter 92F, HRS, the agency is authorized to charge you fees to search for, review, and segregate your request (even if a record is subsequently found to not exist or will not be disclosed in its entirety). The agency must waive the first \$30 in fees assessed for general requesters, OR in the alternative, the first \$60 in fees when the agency finds that the request is made in the public interest. Only one waiver is provided for each request. See HAR §§ 2-71-19, -31 and -32.

COSTS: For either personal or public record requests, the agency may charge you for the costs of copying and delivering records in response to your request, and other lawful fees and costs.

PREPAYMENT: The agency may require prepayment of 50% of the total estimated fees and 100% of the total estimated costs prior to processing your request. If a prepayment is required, the agency may wait to start any search for or review of the records until the prepayment is received by the agency. Additionally, if you have outstanding fees or costs from previous requests, including abandoned requests, the agency may require prepayment of 100% of the unpaid balance from prior requests before it begins any search or review for the records you are now seeking.

The following is an itemization of what you must pay, based on the estimated fees and costs that the agency will charge you and the applicable waiver amount that will be deducted:

For public record requests only:

Fees: Search	Estimate of time to be spent: ___ hours (\$2.50 for each 15-minute period)	\$
Review & segregation	Estimate of time to be spent: ___ hours (\$5.00 for each 15-minute period)	\$
Fees waived	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> general (\$30), OR <input type="checkbox"/> public interest (\$60) <\$ ___> (Only one waiver per request)	
Other	Click or tap here to enter text. (Pursuant to HAR §§ 2-71-19 & 2-71-31)	\$
Total Estimated Fees:		\$

For public or personal record requests:

Costs: Copying	Estimate of # of pages to be copied: <u>37</u> (@ \$ <u>0.05</u> per page, pursuant to HRS § 92-21)	\$ <u>1.85</u>
Delivery	Postage	\$
Other	Click or tap here to enter text.	\$
Total Estimated Costs:		\$ 1.85

TOTAL ESTIMATED FEES AND COSTS from above: **\$1.85**

- The estimated fees and costs above are for the first incremental disclosure only. Additional fees and costs, and no further fee waivers, will apply to future incremental disclosures.**
- PREPAYMENT IS REQUIRED** (50% of fees + 100% of costs, as estimated above) **\$**
- UNPAID BALANCE FROM PRIOR REQUESTS** (100% must be paid before work begins) **\$**

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AT THIS TIME **\$ WAIVED**

Payment may be made by: cash
 personal check payable to: Click or tap here to enter text.
 other

Submit your payment to the agency at the address listed at the beginning of this form, including the name of the agency's contact person.



October 8, 2025

VIA Email: dhs@dhs.hawaii.gov
Ryan Yamane
Director
Department of Human Services
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Pursuant to the **Hawaii Open Records Law**, Haw. Rev. Stat. § 91-1 *et seq.*, We are requesting the following records:

I. Records Request

1. All audits from March 2025 through the present showing data leaks or unauthorized disclosure of Medicaid beneficiary data shared with the federal government.
2. All records from March 2025 through the present documenting data leaks or unauthorized disclosures of Medicaid beneficiary information shared with the federal government.
3. All records, including the results of any audit or investigation, showing the sharing of Hawaii state Medicaid beneficiary data with any immigration authority within the state.
4. All records showing that DOGE’s activities from January 2025 to the present interfered with the state’s ability to administer its Medicaid program.
5. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that the state incurred increased uncompensated costs for hospital care in which a treatment or

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service was not paid for by an insurer or patient, yet is still mandated to be provided by EMTALA.

6. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that Medicaid-receiving hospitals in the state have been able to serve fewer patients in need.
7. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that State healthcare providers have faced increased administrative costs and burdens.
8. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens and individuals in mixed-status families have deferred primary or preventative healthcare.
9. From January 2025 to the present, all documented deaths in the state of undocumented immigrants and their children have been due to a lack of medical care.
10. From January 2025 to the present, all records showing that the state incurred greater costs and burdens to conduct outreach efforts for enrolling families and children in federally-funded healthcare programs.
11. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens were more reluctant to enroll in fully state-funded public health insurance programs.

II. Fee Waiver Request

Per HAR § 2-71-31(d)(2) and HAR § 2-71-32(b), it is required that there is a mandatory fee waiver of the first \$30, and an agency shall waive \$60 of the fees that may be assessed if the agency finds that the waiver of fees would be in the public interest.¹ We request a waiver of all fees, which would be in the public interest because 1) the requested record pertains to the operation or activities of the agency 2) the record(s) are not readily available for the public to view 3) we have the primary intention and the ability to widely disseminate information from the record to the public at large.

III. Conclusion

Haw. Code R. § 2-71-13 provides that records available for public access in their entirety be disclosed within ten business days. If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about when records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

¹ Haw. Rev. Stat. §§ 2-71-31(d)(2), 2-71-32

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Will Scolinos

America First Legal Foundation

DECLARATION OF JUDY MOHR PETERSON

I, Judy Mohr Peterson, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of the State of Hawai‘i. I am over the age of 18 and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated herein, except to those matters stated upon information and belief; as to those matters, I believe them to be true. If called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the matters set forth below.

Professional and Agency Background

2. I serve as the Medicaid Director for the State of Hawai‘i. I have been in this role since July 2015. Prior to that, I served as the Medicaid Director for the Oregon Health Authority in the State of Oregon (2009 - June 2015).

3. As the Medicaid Director, I am responsible for executive-level oversight and administration of State of Hawaii’s Medicaid program.

4. The Department of Human Services is the single state agency responsible for administering the State of Hawai‘i Medicaid program, Med-QUEST, through its Med-QUEST Division. The Med-QUEST provides low-income individuals with medical assistance for comprehensive healthcare coverage and access to affordable, integrated, and high-quality healthcare at no or low cost. Med-QUEST’s coverage includes medical, dental, mental health, substance use disorder treatment, and long-term care. Med-QUEST’s mission is to empower Hawaii’s residents to improve and sustain wellbeing by developing, promoting, and administering innovative and high-quality healthcare programs with aloha.

5. Med-QUEST is one of the largest healthcare purchasers in Hawai‘i as Med-QUEST covers nearly one third of the state’s population. In total, Med-QUEST provides medical assistance to approximately 400,000 people, including 150,000 children, or about half of

Hawaii's (keiki/children), 60,000 seniors and people with disabilities, and 190,000 working-age adults.

6. Med-QUEST is authorized and funded in part through a Medicaid federal-state partnership. Hawai'i administers Med-QUEST pursuant to broad federal requirements as well as the terms of its "plan for medical assistance," also known as a State Plan, approved by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Med-QUEST receives the federal Medicaid funding contribution, known as "Federal Financial Participation" (FFP), which covers a percentage of Med-QUEST's expenditures on eligible enrollees.

7. Most Med-QUEST enrollees are eligible for coverage paid for by joint federal and state funding. Med-QUEST uses FFP funding to pay for a significant portion of Med-QUEST's medical assistance coverage, while Hawai'i covers the remaining costs. To qualify for FFP funding, among other eligibility requirements, the enrollee must either be a citizen of the United States or have some other qualifying immigration status, for example lawful permanent residency. These individuals qualify for what is referred to as "full scope," federally funded Medicaid.

8. For Med-QUEST applicants who do not have a qualifying immigration status, federal law authorizes the use of federal funding to treat life threatening emergencies. Emergency Medicaid covers a life or limb threatening medical emergency, including labor and delivery for pregnant individuals.

Data Sharing Between Med-QUEST and CMS

9. Pursuant to federal law, and as a condition of receiving federal Medicaid funding, Hawai'i routinely shares certain categories of personal information regarding Med-QUEST enrollees with the federal government, including CMS.

10. For example, Med-QUEST submits monthly reports to CMS through the Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS). These reports include demographic and eligibility information, such as name, address, date of birth, Medicaid ID, Social Security number (if provided), and eligibility status, for every Med-QUEST enrollee, including those receiving emergency-only Medicaid. Hawaii's most recent transfer of data to T-MSIS occurred on June 16, 2025.

11. Hawai'i also routinely provides CMS with data in response to Medicaid supplemental reviews and audits for federal oversight purposes.

12. Med-QUEST relies on CMS to protect the confidentiality and security of the Medicaid data and to follow federal laws and regulations regarding redisclosure of that data, such as HHS's own prohibition on disclosure except as required for the purposes of administering the Medicaid program. Med-QUEST enforces strict state-level confidentiality rules through its administrative rules as required by 42 C.F.R. Part 431, Subpart F. Based on these understandings, Med-QUEST shares information and data with CMS for purposes of receiving FFP. Med-QUEST does so in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the implementing regulations for HIPAA, and privacy regulations such as 42 C.F.R. Part 2, as a part of maintenance and operations of Hawaii's Medicaid program. Med-QUEST takes these data stewardship responsibilities seriously and works to ensure that only the minimum necessary information is shared.

13. Med-QUEST communicates clearly to Medicaid enrollees that their personal information will be kept confidential and secure, and used only to determine eligibility and administer benefits. This is reinforced through enrollment materials and consent forms stating that information is protected under federal and state law, and assurances that all of the

information will be kept private and secure, as required by law; notices on the Med-QUEST website, QUEST member handbook, and paper applications referencing privacy protections under HIPAA and Privacy statements, and public assurances during Medicaid redetermination and renewal outreach efforts, particularly in 2023–2024 during the unwinding of continuous coverage. Enrollees are not advised that their information may be shared with immigration enforcement authorities or for purposes unrelated to Medicaid administration. A true and correct copy of the Member Handbook is attached as Exhibit A.

14. In 2025, Med-QUEST maintained routine communication with CMS through monthly submissions per standard procedures. As of June 16, 2025, Hawaii’s T-MSIS data passed all critical, high-priority, and expenditure-focused quality measures on CMS’s Operations Dashboard.

Harm from Disclosure of Medi-Cal PII Data to DHS

15. On June 13, 2025, an article published by the Associated Press reporting that CMS had indeed shared confidential Medicaid data with DHS, including the personally identifiable information (PII) of millions of California, Illinois, Washington, and the District of Columbia. The reporting stated that two top advisers to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. ordered CMS staff to provide this data to DHS over the objections of those staff members.

16. As far as Med-QUEST is aware, CMS has not disclosed Medicaid PII data for Hawai‘i Medicaid enrollees to date.

17. However, based on my experience, I believe that the unauthorized disclosure of confidential data from other states by CMS to DHS has already harmed the State of Hawai‘i by

creating a significant chilling effect for immigrants and their family members, discouraging them from seeking medically necessary healthcare and Medicaid enrollment.

18. CMS' disclosure will likely result in a significant chilling effect for immigrants and their family members discouraging them from seeking medically necessary healthcare. Since the publishing of the Associated Press article covering the disclosure of Medicaid personal data to DHS, Med-QUEST's outreach staff have met with community advocates and their community outreach partners to reinforce the information about the disclosure and has assured them that no Hawaii data was included to the best of our knowledge at the time. The outreach staff are well aware of the chilling effect this could have on the immigrant communities served by Med-QUEST having experienced numerous requests to terminate legitimate coverage as a result of the introduction of the Public Charge rule several years prior.

19. This chilling effect will result in individuals forgoing benefits for which they are eligible or seeking to disenroll themselves and their families from the Med-QUEST. Some people will also avoid critical preventative care and necessary medical treatment, and in some cases may even avoid emergency medical services, possibly resulting in death or serious injury. This will ultimately unwind years of investment in expanding health coverage and access.

20. The chilling effect from this disclosure will also likely increase the risk of adverse health impacts for people in Hawai'i. By managing chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes, hypertension) early, it can improve health, and prevent expensive hospitalizations, while deferring care can result in late-stage disease detection, unintended pregnancy, adverse health effects during pregnancy and childbirth, overdose, and increased morbidity and mortality for late-stage disease.

21. These adverse health impacts will further strain Hawaii's scarce resources and budget. To the extent their treatment is left uncompensated, the cost of which will ultimately be shifted to the broader healthcare delivery system and the state.

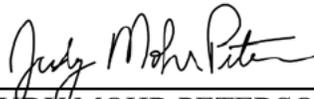
22. These poor health outcomes will also harm the overall health of all residents, by both straining Hawaii's healthcare delivery system as well as increasing the potential risks of the spread of infection and illness.

23. Hospitals are legally obligated to treat patients regardless of their ability to pay for emergency medical care. When individuals receive care at hospitals and cannot pay or refuse to enroll in Medicaid given the chilling effect of federal policies, the uncompensated care costs are pushed onto hospitals already operating on slim margins, potentially impacting service capacity and resulting in budget cuts, staffing reductions, and increased service costs for all individuals receiving care at the facility. This is especially difficult for rural and critical access hospitals that are the sole providers in their communities.

24. Overall, CMS's apparent disclosure undermines the Medicaid program by decreasing the trust of QUEST members and other stakeholders in the integrity of our program and the ability to keep their personal health information protected.

25. In January of this year, Hawaii's Medicaid program received an inquiry from one of the major hospitals asking about Med-QUEST's responsibility to report on immigration status. The inquiry stated "As you may imagine we are getting questions from families regarding their legal status. There is a real fear regarding their personal security with the new administration. I wondered if you could share what [Med-QUEST's] responsibility/stance is in terms of reporting immigration status? If a family member applies for a one time emergent coverage for their child- is the team at [Med-QUEST] required to report? Is there an actual policy that does not mandate

or allow this reporting?” If CMS shared confidential Medicaid data with DHS for the purposes of immigration enforcement, such a disclosure would represent an unprecedented and grave betrayal of public trust. If true, this disclosure has likely already caused significant harm to Hawaii’s ability operate and will cause further irreparable harm if not mitigated and repaired.



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EXHIBIT A



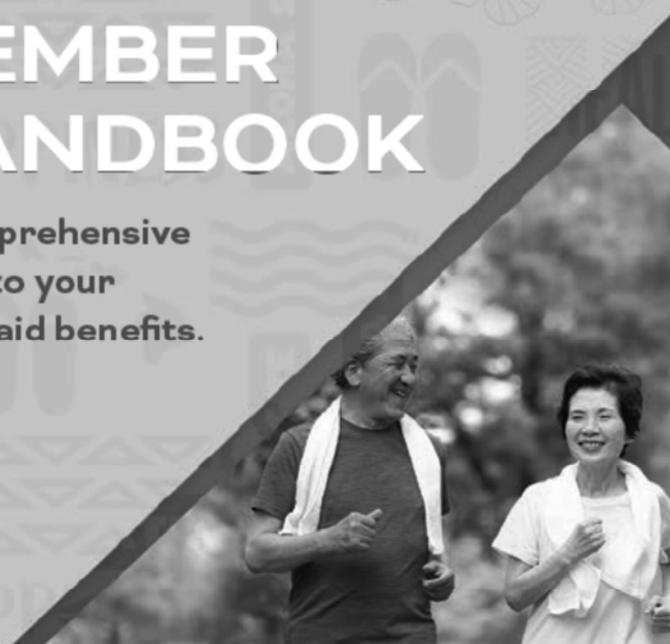
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**MEMBER
HANDBOOK**

A comprehensive
guide to your
Medicaid benefits.



<p>Do you need help in another language? We will get you a free interpreter. Call 1-800-316-8005 to tell us which language you speak. (TTY: 711 or 1-800-603-1201).</p>	<p>English</p>
<p>Masapulyo kadi ti tulong iti sabali a pagsasao? Ikkandakayo iti libre nga paraipatarus. Awaganyo ti 1-800-316-8005 tapno ibagayo kadakami no ania ti pagsasao nga ar-aramatenyo. (TTY: 711 wenno 1-800-603-1201).</p>	<p>Ilocano</p>
<p>您需要其它語言嗎？如有需要，請致電 1-800-316-8005，我們會提供免費翻譯服務 (TTY: 711 或1-800-603-1201)。</p>	<p>Traditional Chinese</p>
<p>다른언어로 도움이 필요하십니까? 저희가 무료로 통역을 제공합니다. 1-800-316-8005 로 전화해서 사용하는 언어를 알려주십시오 (TTY: 711또는 1-800-603-1201).</p>	<p>Korean</p>
<p>Bạn có cần giúp đỡ bằng ngôn ngữ khác không ? Chúng tôi sẽ yêu cầu một người thông dịch viên miễn phí cho bạn. Gọi 1-800-316-8005 nói cho chúng tôi biết bạn dùng ngôn ngữ nào. (TTY: 711 hoặc 1-800-603-1201).</p>	<p>Vietnamese Việt Nam</p>



Aloha!

As a Medicaid member, your health is very important to all of us.

Please read through this booklet to discover ways for you and your family members to make the most of your health coverage.

Choose a Health Plan

If you are eligible for QUEST, you can choose a health plan for you and your family to enjoy a healthier life. The health plans work with your doctor to help you stay healthy and prevent illness.

Taking Care of You

Please choose a health plan that works best for you and your family. We look forward to serving you.

We are in this together for health, for wellness, for you.

Mahalo nui loa,

Judy Mohr Peterson
Administrator
Med-QUEST Division
Hawaii Department of Human Services

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About QUEST

The Med-QUEST Division provides health care benefits to Hawai'i residents who are eligible for Medicaid through QUEST.

With QUEST, all eligible members of your family can choose a health plan that fits their health care needs.

All QUEST health plans offer Medicare plans and many provide extra benefits at no cost. You can choose traditional Medicare or a different Medicare Advantage plan. Using the same health plan for Medicare and Medicaid may help you coordinate services, get more benefits, and lower your drug costs. Visit [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) to learn about your options.

Choose Your QUEST Health Plan

Step 1: Learn About Your Choices

Choosing a health plan is important. You'll receive all your health care services from a single health plan. Your health plan can help you find doctors, hospitals and pharmacies.

When choosing a health plan, it's important to see if you can:

- Keep seeing the doctors you prefer.
- Go to the hospital, health care facility, or pharmacy you prefer.

Health Care Provider Network

If there's a specific provider you want to see, call the health plan or visit their website to see if your provider is in their network.

Health Plans	Phone/Website
AlohaCare	1-877-973-0712 alohacare.org
HMSA	1-800-440-0640 hmsa.com/QUEST
Kaiser Permanente	1-800-651-2237 kpquest.org
'Ohana Health Plan	1-888-846-4262 ohanahealthplan.com
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	1-888-980-8728 uhccommunityplan.com/hi

If your current provider doesn't accept QUEST (Medicaid) health insurance, call your health plan to help you find another doctor or provider.

Step 2: Choose a Health Plan

When you apply for Medicaid, we encourage you to also let us know which health plan you prefer. If we don't know your preference, Med-QUEST will assign you to a health plan right away. You can stay with the health plan that Med-QUEST assigns to you or you may choose a different one.

If you stay with the health plan Med-QUEST has assigned to you, you don't have to do anything.

If you want to choose a different health plan, please tell Med-QUEST which health plan you have chosen within 90 days of the date of your enrollment choice notice. Your new health plan will start on the first day of the following month.

Once the 90-day period ends, you can change your health plan at any time as long as you have been in the health plan you are leaving for at least 12 months.

Your five choices for a QUEST health plan are:

- AlohaCare
- HMSA
- Kaiser Permanente (O'ahu and Maui only)
- 'Ohana Health Plan
- UnitedHealthcare Community Plan

Step 3: Submit Your Choice

You can submit your health plan choice in three different ways:

1 Call Med-QUEST Customer Service

1-800-316-8005

The Hawai'i Relay Service 711 is available to hearing impaired, deaf, and speech impaired.

2 Complete the Choice Form and fax it to:

1-800-576-5504

3 Complete the Choice Form and mail it to:

State of Hawai'i
Department of Human Services
Med-QUEST Customer Service
P.O. Box 700190
Kapolei, Hawai'i 96709

Make sure to submit the Choice Form enclosed in your enrollment packet by the deadline. Your health plan will start the first day of the next month. For example, if you change plans anytime in May, you'll be enrolled in your new plan on June 1.

Health Plan for Your Newborn

If you're pregnant and enrolled in a QUEST health plan on the date you deliver your child, your newborn will automatically be enrolled in your health plan for a minimum of 30 days from the date of birth.

If you are not enrolled in a QUEST health plan on the date you deliver your child, visit **www.medquest.hawaii.gov** and apply for health coverage for your newborn. Med-QUEST will enroll your newborn in the health plan offered by the same insurer as your commercial health plan, with coverage starting from your child's date of birth. You have the option to change your newborn's health plan after the first 30 days from your child's date of birth.

Postpartum Care

Medicaid is dedicated to strengthening maternal health. Women receive 12 months of continuous postpartum coverage from the date their pregnancy ends. Regular postpartum visits help women recover both physically and mentally.

Reapplying for Medicaid

If your Medicaid eligibility ends for any reason, your QUEST health plan enrollment will also end. You may reapply at any time. If you become eligible within 6 months from when you last had Medicaid benefits, Med-QUEST will assign you to your former health plan.

Get Started with Your New Plan

After you choose a QUEST health plan, your plan will mail a welcome packet to you that includes:

- Membership cards for each family member covered
- Instructions on how to choose a primary care provider (PCP)

Receiving care before you receive your health plan membership card

You'll receive a notice in the mail that tells you about the health plan you're enrolled in. If you need health care services before you receive your health plan membership card, simply show your notice to your doctor or other service provider.

Once you receive your membership card, you can use your card to receive services. Also, be sure to carry your Medicaid ID card, which Med-QUEST will mail to you once you are eligible.



Choose a Primary Care Provider (PCP)

Your health plan will mail a welcome packet to you with forms asking you to choose a PCP. Your PCP will see you for regular checkups or when you're sick. When you need a specialist or other medical services, your PCP will arrange it for you. If you need help finding a PCP or specialist, ask your health plan for help. If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan and already have a PCP, let your health plan know the name of your Medicare PCP.

If you received services before you received the Med-QUEST enrollment notification, tell your PCP or other service provider. Your health plan may cover some of these services.

Your QUEST Benefits

Primary & Acute Care Services

Your QUEST benefits cover a broad range of services, including:



For a complete list of benefits, please visit <https://medquest.hawaii.gov/en/members-applicants/quest-integration-coverage.html>

Behavioral Health Services

All of the QUEST health plans cover behavioral health services such as substance abuse treatment programs, ambulatory mental health services and psychiatric or psychological evaluation.



Long Term Services & Support

Long-term services and support for services like adult day care (non-medical care), skilled nursing or private duty nursing, must be applied for and are available based on an evaluation of required level of care.



For a complete list of benefits, please visit <https://medquest.hawaii.gov/en/members-applicants/quest-integration-coverage.html>

Disease Management Programs

If you have or are at risk for certain chronic health conditions, ask your health plan about its disease management programs. These programs can help you:

- Learn about the condition
- Get regular checkups with your PCP and specialists
- Make healthy lifestyle changes
- Improve your condition with a treatment plan

All health plans provide disease management for asthma, heart disease, and diabetes. Some health plans offer other programs for certain medical conditions.

Contact your health plan or call your health plan's nurse line to learn more about its disease management program offerings.

Are You Under 21 Years of Age?

The Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program offers the following services to children and young adults under 21:

- Complete medical, mental and behavioral health, and dental care
- Developmental, autism, and lead screening
- Intensive behavioral therapies such as applied behavioral analysis (ABA) services for members with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) diagnosis
- Hearing, vision, and laboratory tests
- Immunizations as well as tuberculosis and skin tests

You'll receive help setting up appointments. Call your health plan for more information.

After-Hours Care Nurse Line

If you have questions about a medical condition or if you are not sure if you should visit an emergency room or urgent care, call your health plan's after-hours care nurse line for medical advice and guidance. Call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Health Plans	Nurse Advice Line
AlohaCare	1-877-225-8839
HMSA	1-800-440-0640
Kaiser Permanente	1-833-833-3333
'Ohana Health Plan	1-800-919-8807
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	1-888-980-8728

Traveling Off Island or Out of State

If you're visiting a neighbor island or the mainland and need immediate care, your health plan will cover medically necessary emergency services and follow-up care. For non-emergency care on a neighbor island or the mainland, you'll need to get approval first from your health plan. QUEST doesn't pay for health care services in foreign countries.

Other Health Insurance

If you have additional health insurance, please let Med-QUEST know.

Contacting Your Health Plan

Call your health plan if you have:

- Problems with a doctor or other provider
- Problems accessing health care services
- A disagreement about your health plan
- To file a grievance or appeal

Member Complaints and Grievances

Your health plan has a member grievance and appeal process to help address any problems. If you're concerned about your medical care or services, contact your health plan at the numbers on the back of your membership card.

If you're unable to work things out with your health plan, contact the State-Designated Medicaid Ombudsman:

1-888-488-7988 (toll-free)

Dental Services and Benefits

Call Community Case Management Corp (CCMC) to find a dentist who accepts Medicaid:

O'ahu: 808-792-1070

Neighbor Islands: 1-888-792-1070 (toll-free)

If you're under age 21, you can receive:

- Diagnostic and preventive services once every six months.
- Non-emergency care that includes:
 - Endodontic therapy
 - Oral surgery
 - Periodontic therapy
 - Prosthodontic services
 - Restorations

If you are age 21 or older, you can receive the following dental services:

- Preventive services once every six months
- Diagnostic and radiology services
- Endodontic therapy
- Restorations
- Oral surgery
- Periodontal therapy
- Emergency and palliative treatment

Limited prosthodontic services will be allowed based on medical necessity.

Present your Medicaid ID card to the dentist.

Partners in Healthcare

Other partners provide additional services:

- **Department of Education**
808-305-9712
Health education program
- **Department of Health**
808-594-0066 (O'ahu)
1-800-235-5477 (Neighbor Islands)
ZERO TO THREE Early Intervention program
- **Department of Health**
Adult Mental Health Division
808-643-2643
Behavioral health services for some adults with serious mental illness or serious and persistent mental illness
- **Department of Health**
Child Adolescent Mental Health Division
808-733-9333
1-800-294-5282 (toll-free)
Behavioral health services for children under age 21 with serious emotional disturbances
- **Department of Health**
Developmental Disabilities Division
808-733-1689
Services for members with developmental or intellectual disabilities

Reporting Changes to Med-QUEST

Report any change in your circumstances to us within 10 days. For example, you may have a change in your income, your health, the size of your household, or home and mailing address. If you don't report changes, it may affect your health plan eligibility. Use our eligibility system to quickly update your information, logon and select **Change of Circumstance**.

How to Report Changes

There are three ways to report a change of circumstance to your household and check the status of your case.

1 Kauhale On-Line Eligibility Assistance (KOLEA) Portal

It's a convenient and easy way to manage your account, any day at any time. With KOLEA, you can:

- Update your household status
- Submit documents
- Receive paperless correspondence
- Verify your health plan information

To begin, visit **medquest.hawaii.gov** and select **How to Apply**.

Already Have an Account

If you applied for Medicaid by creating an online account, select Sign In and enter your Username and Password.

Create a New Account

If you have Medicaid but have not created an online account for yourself, you can do that right now by following these simple steps:

1. Visit **medical.mybenefits.hawaii.gov** and select **Sign Up**.
2. Enter your information and follow the steps to create your account.

Enroll in Paperless Preference to learn quickly about your eligibility for Medicaid.

Call Med-QUEST Customer Service if you need additional help setting up your account.

Remember to keep your Username, Password, and Security Questions in a safe place.

If you forget your Username, click on **Forgot My Username**.

If you forget your password, click on the link **Forgot Your Password**.

2 Call Med-QUEST Customer Service

Phone: 1-800-316-8005

The Hawai'i Relay Service 711 is available to hearing impaired, deaf, and speech impaired.

Fax: 1-800-576-5504

Mail: PO Box 3490, Honolulu, HI 96811-3490

3 Visit the Med-QUEST Service Center nearest you.

Hawai'i

East Hawai'i
1404 Kilauea Avenue
Hilo, HI 96720

West Hawai'i
75-5591 Palani Road
Suite 3004
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Kaua'i

4473 Pahee Street
Suite A
Lihue, HI 96766

Lāna'i

730 Lanai Avenue
Lanai City, HI 96763

Maui

210 Imi Kala Street
Suite 101
Wailuku, HI 96793

Moloka'i

65 Makaena Street
Suite 110
Kaunakakai, HI 96748

O'ahu

Kapolei
601 Kamokila Blvd
Suite 415
Kapolei, HI 96707

Waipahu
94-275 Mokuola Street
Suite 301
Waipahu, HI 96797

Honolulu
1350 South King Street
Suite 200
Honolulu, HI 96814



**If you applied for Medicaid,
but are not eligible, you may be
eligible for coverage through the
Federal Health Insurance
Marketplace,
HealthCare.gov**

3 Ways to Enroll

1. Apply **online** at HealthCare.gov
2. Apply over the **phone** by calling:
1-800-318-2596
For TTY, call 1-855-889-4325
3. **In-Person:** Meet with a Kōkua to
complete your application

**For information on how to
meet with a Kōkua, visit:**

medquest.hawaii.gov/gethelp
or call 808-692-8151

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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

Effective: 08/01/2016

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL AND OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.

PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY

**THIS NOTICE IS AVAILABLE IN BIGGER PRINT
UPON REQUEST**

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Med-QUEST Division (MQD) is committed to protecting your confidential information relating to your participation in the DHS medical assistance programs. We refer to this information as "Protected Health Information" (PHI) and "Personal Identifiable Information" (PII), which includes Social Security numbers, income information, and medical information such as a disease or prescribed medication. We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your confidential information, provide this notice to you, obey the terms of (PHI) in this notice, and also notify you if there is a breach of your confidential information. We reserve the right to change the terms of this notice and make the new notice apply to all of your confidential health information that we maintain. If there are changes to the way we access, use or disclose your PHI, we will mail a new notice to you within sixty (60) days of the changes.

If you have questions or would like to report a problem with how we access, use or disclose your PHI, please contact the DHS HIPAA Compliance Manager by phone at (808) 692-8071 or by writing to the address listed at the bottom of this notice.

YOUR RIGHTS TO PRIVACY

We will not share your PHI without your permission except as described in this notice or required by law. We will not sell your PHI, use or disclose your information for marketing, or use your information for fund raising.

We have procedures and forms to help you access and protect your health information. You can get the forms from any MQD office or on the MQD website at www.med-quest.us. Click the "FORMS" link at the bottom of the left hand column.

You have the right to, at any time to:

- Get a paper copy of this notice. We included a copy of this notice on the Medicaid application and with your Medicaid ID card. You can also see a copy of this notice on our www.med-quest.us website.
- Use Form 1123 to give MQD permission to disclose your health information to another person. MQD must have your permission to use or disclose psychotherapy notes and for all other uses and disclosures not described in this Notice. If you tell MQD to share your health information, you can change your mind at any time if you tell us in writing.
- Use form DHS 8028 to limit MQD use and/or disclosure of your medical information for treatment, payment, or our operations, or to people who are involved in your health care. MQD does not have to agree to your request and may say "no" if it would affect your care unless you limit disclosure of your information for purposes of payment or health care operations and we are not required by another law to disclose that information.
- Use form DHS 1123 to ask MQD to contact you in a different way, such as by email or fax, at a different mailing address or phone number.
- Look at or get a copy of your health and claims records and other health information. You may be charged a processing and postage fee for this request.
- Use form DHS 8024 to change or add information to your health and claims records. However, MQD will not change the original records. If MQD says "no" to your request, you will be told why in writing.

- Use form DHS 8027 to find out how many times MQD disclosed your health information in the last six years, who it was shared with, and why. This will not include disclosures for purposes of treatment, payment, health care operations, made to you or with your permission, and certain other disclosures such as to law enforcement, correctional facilities, and other national security and intelligence purposes.
- Use form DHS 1121 to choose a person to act as your authorized representative to help you exercise your rights and make choices about your health information, includes helping you with applying for medical assistance.
- Receive notice from MQD if your unsecured confidential information was accessed, used, or disclosed in a manner not permitted by law and violates your right to privacy or security of that information.
- Cancel any authorization by telling us in writing, that you want to cancel an authorization to disclose your confidential information to a third party.

OUR USES and DISCLOSURES of PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- We may access, use and or share your health information for the reasons listed below only if the disclosure is directly related to how we run the Medicaid program.
- Treatment - to approve or deny your medical treatment. For example, our staff may review the treatment plan from your health care provider to see if the treatment is appropriate.
- Payment - to determine your eligibility for Medicaid coverage or to pay your health plan or health care provider. For example, we may share your health information with federal or state agencies to determine if you are eligible for the Medicaid program, or to your health plan so we can make payment to the health plan.
- Health Care Operations - to run our programs and contact you when necessary. For example, we contract with consultants who review the records of hospitals to determine if they are providing good quality of care.
- Informational Purposes - to give you helpful information about health plan choices, program benefit updates, free medical exams, and consumer protection issues.

DISCLOSURES NOT REQUIRING YOUR PERMISSION

We can disclose your health information as follows only if the disclosure is directly related to how we run the Medicaid program, a court orders us to disclose the information, or other laws require us to disclose the information.

- To other government agencies and/or organizations for you to receive benefits, services or disaster relief.
- To public health agencies for disease control and prevention, problems with medical products or medications, and victims of abuse, neglect or domestic violence.
- To government agencies responsible for oversight of the health care system, including the Medicaid program, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Office of Civil Rights.
- In the course of court and administrative proceedings, provided certain protective procedures are followed.
- To law enforcement officials for certain law enforcement purposes such as identifying or locating an individual, a missing person, or a victim of a crime.
- To coroners, medical examiners, and funeral directors who need the information to carry out their duties.
- To organ donation and disease registries for purposes of facilitating organ and tissue donation and transplantation.
- For research purposes under certain limited situations.
- To prevent or lessen a serious threat to the health and safety of a person or the public.
- For national security, intelligence and/or protective services for the President. We may also disclose health information to appropriate military authorities if you are or have been a member of the U.S. armed forces.
- To correctional facility or law enforcement officials to maintain the health, safety and security of the corrections system.
- To other government programs that serve the same or similar populations as Hawaii Medicaid, to help coordinate services and improve program management.

- As necessary to comply with laws relating to workers' compensation programs that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness without regard to fault. If you feel that your privacy rights have been violated, you can file a written complaint with:

DHS HIPAA Compliance Manager
Office of Civil Rights, DHHS
P.O. Box 700190
Kapolei, HI 96709-0190

OR

90 7th Street, Suite 4-100
San Francisco, CA 94103

We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

NOTICE

SECTION 1557 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)

The Department of Human Services (DHS) complies with applicable federal and state* civil rights laws and does not discriminate, exclude people or treat people differently because of:

- Race
- Disability
- Age
- National Origin
- Color
- Sex/Gender (Expression or Identity)

*Additional protected groups are covered under Hawaii Revised Statutes.

DHS provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:

- Qualified sign language interpreters
- Written information on other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic)

The department also provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:

- Qualified interpreters
- Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact DHS/Med-Quest Division,
Customer Service at:

O'ahu: 808-524-3370

Neighbor Islands: 1-800-316-8005

The Hawai'i Relay Service 711 is available to hearing impaired,
deaf, and speech impaired.

If you believe that DHS has discriminated in any way on the
basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex/gender
(expression or identify) or any protected group covered by Hawaii
Revised Statutes, currently or will be added later, may file a
discrimination complaint at:

State of Hawaii, Department of Human Services
Personnel Office, Civil Rights Compliance Officer
P.O. Box 339
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-0339

Phone: 808-586-4955 or 711 for relay services

Email: DHSCivilRightsBox@dhs.hawaii.gov

You may file a discrimination complaint in person, mail, fax, or
email. Discrimination Complaint and Consent/Release forms are
available at humanservices.hawaii.gov in the Civil Rights Corner,
under Forms.

You may also file a discrimination complaint with the U. S.
Department of Health and Human Services (USHHS), Office for
Civil Rights, electronically through the Office of Civil Rights Portal,
available at ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/smartscreen/main.jsf, or by
mail or phone at:

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil
Rights (OCR)
200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, DC 20201

Phone: 1-800-368-1019, TDD: 800-537-7697

USHHS Discrimination Complaint forms are available at
<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>



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April 22, 2025

Re: Payment Management System (PMS) - Updated payment processing steps

Dear ACF Grant Award Recipients,

As part of the implementation of [Executive Order 14222 - Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Cost Efficiency Initiative](#), a new process has been created to enhance transparency and accountability for federal funding.

In accordance with Section 3 of E.O. 14222, PMS introduced a new mandatory field in the payment request screen at the [grant subaccount](#) level on March 17, 2025. This field, limited to 1,000 characters, requires a justification from your organization explaining the purpose of the payment at the subaccount level. You are encouraged to include detailed justifications.

Federal awarding agencies will review these payment request justifications and either approve them or request clarification (more detail) from your organization. If clarification is needed, your organization will receive an email from defendthespend@hhs.gov to submit a revised justification. This communication will direct you to a website that is hosted on doge.gov. Both hhs.gov and doge.gov are valid U.S. government domains that may be interacted with for award-related matters.

As a result of this change, we have seen that processing times for new payment requests may be different than those experienced previously. We encourage your organization to plan accordingly. Please consider the following to facilitate the expedient processing of your payment requests:

- Increase the “lead time” between your organization’s need and payment request;
- Structure payment requests to include only one awarding agency; minimize the number of grant subaccounts; and group subaccounts to those within the same program area;
- **Provide a strong justification for your payment request to include details such as the program name, time period covered by the payment request, a clear description or summary of approved expenses or activities and, as applicable, the approved budget line categories for expenditures** (e.g., Personnel, Fringe, Supplies, Travel, Contractual, Other);
- Ensure your justifications **do not include** any names or other personally identifiable, sensitive, or proprietary information; and
- Respond promptly and thoroughly to any requests for clarification received from defendthespend@hhs.gov.

Please share this guidance with any staff responsible for submitting payment requests in PMS. Thank you for your efforts to ensure that taxpayer dollars are utilized to support the purposes for which they were awarded.



October 8, 2025

VIA Email: PIO@azahcccs.gov
AHCCCS Privacy Officer
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
150 N 18th Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Officer:

America First Legal Foundation (“AFL”) is a national, nonprofit organization. AFL works to promote the rule of law in the United States, prevent executive overreach, ensure due process and equal protection for all Americans, and promote knowledge and understanding of the law and individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States. AFL’s mission includes promoting government transparency and accountability by gathering official information, analyzing it, and disseminating it through reports, press releases, and/or other media, including social media platforms, all to educate the public.

Pursuant to the **Arizona Public Records Law**, A.R.S. §§ 39-121 *et seq.*, we request the following:

I. Records Request

1. All audits from March 2025 through the present showing data leaks or unauthorized disclosure of Medicaid beneficiary data shared with the federal government.
2. All records from March 2025 through the present documenting data leaks or unauthorized disclosures of Medicaid beneficiary information shared with the federal government.
3. All records, including the results of any audit or investigation, showing the sharing of Arizona state Medicaid beneficiary data with any immigration authority within the state.
4. All records showing that DOGE’s activities from January 2025 to the present interfered with the state’s ability to administer its Medicaid program.
5. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that the state incurred increased uncompensated costs for hospital care in which a treatment or service was not paid for by an insurer or patient, yet is still mandated to be provided by EMTALA.

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6. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that Medicaid-receiving hospitals in the state have been able to serve fewer patients in need.
7. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that State healthcare providers have faced increased administrative costs and burdens.
8. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens and individuals in mixed-status families have deferred primary or preventative healthcare.
9. From January 2025 to the present, all documented deaths in the state of undocumented immigrants and their children have been due to a lack of medical care.
10. From January 2025 to the present, all records showing that the state incurred greater costs and burdens to conduct outreach efforts for enrolling families and children in federally-funded healthcare programs.
11. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens were more reluctant to enroll in fully state-funded public health insurance programs.

II. Fee Waiver Request

Per A.R.S. § 39-121.01(D), this request is for non-commercial purposes, and we request that the records be delivered via email. If you determine that a fee is required, please inform us of that determination as soon as it is made, at foia@aflegal.org.

III. Conclusion

The Arizona Public Records Law requires that the documents be “promptly furnished.” A.R.S. § 39-121.01. If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about when records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Will Scolinos
America First Legal Foundation

From: Greene, Kathryn kathryn.greene@azahcccs.gov
Subject: Fw: Records Request
Date: October 8, 2025 at 1:29 PM
To: foia@aflegal.org



Good morning,

AHCCCS is in receipt of your request and will begin the process of gathering responsive public records.

Kathryn Greene

From: AFL FOIA <foia@aflegal.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 10:04 AM
To: PIO - AHCCCS <PIO@azahcccs.gov>
Subject: Records Request

You don't often get email from foia@aflegal.org. [Learn why this is important](#)

Good afternoon,

Please read the attached records request below.

Respectfully,

America First Legal Foundation

NOTICE: This e-mail and any attachments to it may contain information that is PRIVILEGED and CONFIDENTIAL under State and Federal law and is intended only for the use of the specific individual(s) to whom it is addressed. This information may only be used or disclosed in accordance with law, and you may be subject to penalties under law for improper use or further disclosure of the information in this e-mail and its attachments. If you have received this e-mail in error, please immediately notify the person named above by reply e-mail, and then

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Records Request

Greene, Kathryn <kathryn.greene@azahcccs.gov>
To: "foia@aflegal.org" <foia@aflegal.org>

Mon, Dec 1, 2025 at 5:09 PM

Good afternoon,

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) has no public records that are responsive to your request dated October 8, 2025.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Greene

From: Greene, Kathryn <kathryn.greene@azahcccs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 10:29 AM
To: foia@aflegal.org <foia@aflegal.org>
Subject: Fw: Records Request

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October 8 2025

VIA Email: FOAARRequests.DHHS@maine.gov
Khristin Levey
Department of Health and Human Services
109 Capitol St
Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Khristin Levey:

America First Legal Foundation (“AFL”) is a national, nonprofit organization. AFL works to promote the rule of law in the United States, prevent executive overreach, ensure due process and equal protection for all Americans, and promote knowledge and understanding of the law and individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States. AFL’s mission includes promoting government transparency and accountability by gathering official information, analyzing it, and disseminating it through reports, press releases, and/or other media, including social media platforms, all to educate the public.

Under the **Maine Freedom of Access Act**, Me. Stat. tit. 1 § 401 *et seq.*, we request an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of the following public records:

I. Records Request

1. All audits from March 2025 through the present showing data leaks or unauthorized disclosure of Medicaid beneficiary data shared with the federal government.
2. All records from March 2025 through the present documenting data leaks or unauthorized disclosures of Medicaid beneficiary information shared with the federal government.
3. All records, including the results of any audit or investigation, showing the sharing of Maine state Medicaid beneficiary data with any immigration authority within the state.
4. All records showing that DOGE’s activities from January 2025 to the present interfered with the state’s ability to administer its Medicaid program.
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10. From January 2025 to the present, all records showing that the state incurred greater costs and burdens to conduct outreach efforts for enrolling families and children in federally-funded healthcare programs.
11. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens were more reluctant to enroll in fully state-funded public health insurance programs.

II. Fee Waiver

Per § 408(A) of the Maine Freedom of Access Act, we respectfully request a waiver of all fees for this request since we are requesting records electronically without a fee. Additionally, under § 411(B) of the Maine Freedom of Access Act, a custodian of public records may waive part or all of the fee if the official “considers release of the public record requested to be in the public interest because doing so is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” If any records must be provided for physically, we respectfully request that any associated fees be waived, as our request is 1) in furtherance of greater public understanding of government operations and 2) not commercial in nature.

III. Conclusion

When creating the Freedom of Access Act, the Maine State Legislature declared “that public proceedings exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business. It is the intent of the Legislature that their actions be taken openly and that the records of their actions be open to public inspection and their deliberations be conducted openly.”¹ The legislature further instructed the courts to construe the Act in a way that promoted that underlying purpose.² In accordance with the law, the Maine Supreme

¹ Me. Stat. tit. 1, §401

² *Id.*

Court “. . . liberally construe[s] and appl[ies] FOAA but strictly construe[s] statutory exceptions to FOAA “to promote [FOAA's] underlying policies and purposes.””³

If you cannot provide the requested documents within 5 working days, please provide information about when records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Will Scolinos

America First Legal Foundation

³*Dubois v. Dep't of Agric., Conservation & Forestry*, 2018 ME 68, ¶ 16, 185 A.3d 743, 749 (citing *Doyle v. Town of Falmouth*, 2014 ME 151, ¶ 10, 106 A.3d 1145; *Preti Flaherty Beliveau & Pachios LLP v. State Tax Assessor*, 2014 ME 6, ¶ 10, 86 A.3d 30)

From: DHHS, FOAA Requests FOAARequests.DHHS@maine.gov
Subject: Confirmation of Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) Request -1514
Date: October 8, 2025 at 2:45 PM
To: foia@aflegal.org, DHHS, FOAA Requests FOAARequests.DHHS@maine.gov

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Hello,

We have received your request for 1. All audits from March 2025 through the present showing data leaks or unauthorized disclosure of Medicaid beneficiary data shared with the federal government. 2. All records from March 2025 through the present documenting data leaks or unauthorized disclosures of Medicaid beneficiary information shared with the federal government. 3. All records, including the results of any audit or investigation, showing the sharing of Maine state Medicaid beneficiary data with any immigration authority within the state. 4. All records showing that DOGE's activities from January 2025 to the present interfered with the state's ability to administer its Medicaid program. 5. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that the state incurred increased uncompensated costs for hospital care in which a treatment or service was not paid for by an insurer or patient, yet is still mandated to be provided by EMTALA. 6. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that Medicaidreceiving hospitals in the state have been able to serve fewer patients in need. 7. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that State healthcare providers have faced increased administrative costs and burdens. 8. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens and individuals in mixed-status families have deferred primary or preventative healthcare. 9. From January 2025 to the present, all documented deaths in the state of undocumented immigrants and their children have been due to a lack of medical care. 10. From January 2025 to the present, all records showing that the state incurred greater costs and burdens to conduct outreach efforts for enrolling families and children in federally-funded healthcare programs. 11. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens were more reluctant to enroll in fully state-funded public health insurance programs. for the period of January 2025 to present

The Department of Health and Human Services ("the Department") acknowledges receipt of the above-referenced records request. The Department will produce the requested records to the extent that such records are "public records" as defined by Maine's Freedom of Access Act ("FOAA"). The Department denies your request to the extent that any requested records are confidential, otherwise protected from disclosure, not in the possession or custody of the Department, or otherwise outside the scope of FOAA.

The Department will work to make any public records available to you as soon as possible. However, the Department first requires a reasonable period to determine which of its records relate to your request. The Department also needs time to identify which records are subject to public inspection or copying, and to determine which records, or portions thereof, are confidential, otherwise protected from disclosure, or otherwise outside the scope of FOAA. The Department will schedule the inspection, and copying of responsive records, if needed, to occur so as not to delay or inconvenience its regular activities, pursuant to FOAA.

Please be aware that you may be charged for retrieving, compiling, converting, and copying of responsive records. You may inspect public records, without charge for copying, if it is feasible to separate or prevent the disclosure of any confidential information contained in the records. The Department will provide you with a good faith, non-binding estimate of the time and cost of complying with your request before it begins to work on your request.

Sincerely,

DHHS Public Access Officer

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Sara Gagné-Holmes
Commissioner



Maine Department of Health and Human Services
Commissioner's Office
11 State House Station
109 Capitol Street
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011
Tel: (207) 287-3707; Fax: (207) 287-3005
TTY: Dial 711 (Maine Relay)

1/23/2026

Will Scolinos
foia@aflegal.org

RE: "1. All audits from March 2025 through the present showing data leaks or unauthorized disclosure of Medicaid beneficiary data shared with the federal government. 2. All records from March 2025 through the present documenting data leaks or unauthorized disclosures of Medicaid beneficiary information shared with the federal government. 3. All records, including the results of any audit or investigation, showing the sharing of Maine state Medicaid beneficiary data with any immigration authority within the state. 4. All records showing that DOGE's activities from January 2025 to the present interfered with the state's ability to administer its Medicaid program. 5. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that the state incurred increased uncompensated costs for hospital care in which a treatment or service was not paid for by an insurer or patient, yet is still mandated to be provided by EMTALA. 6. All records from January 2025 to the present that show that Medicaidreceiving hospitals in the state have been able to serve fewer patients in need. 7. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that State healthcare providers have faced increased administrative costs and burdens. 8. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens and individuals in mixed-status families have deferred primary or preventative healthcare. 9. From January 2025 to the present, all documented deaths in the state of undocumented immigrants and their children have been due to a lack of medical care. 10. From January 2025 to the present, all records showing that the state incurred greater costs and burdens to conduct outreach efforts for enrolling families and children in federally-funded healthcare programs. 11. All records from January 2025 to the present showing that noncitizens were more reluctant to enroll in fully state-funded public health insurance programs. Date or Timeframe of the record(s) being requested: January 2025 to present "

Dear Will,

On behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services ("the Department"), this letter is in response to your above-referenced request.

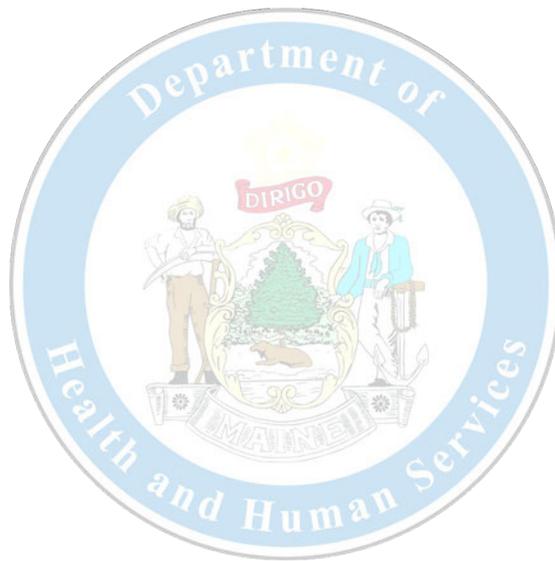
The FOAA defines "public record" as "any written, printed or graphic matter or any mechanical or electronic data compilation from which information can be obtained, directly or after translation into a form susceptible of visual or aural comprehension, that is in the possession or custody of an agency or public official of this State or any of its political subdivisions or is in the possession or custody of an association, the membership of which is composed exclusively of one or more of any of these entities, and has been received or prepared for use in connection with the transaction of public or government business or contains information relating to the transaction of public or governmental business."

The Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) request is denied:

“There are no responsive records for this request”

FOAA requests can be submitted in person at any of our locations, or by emailing FOAARequests.DHHS@maine.gov.

Sincerely,
Khristin Levey, Public Access Officer
Commissioner’s Office
Maine Department of Health and Human Services





August 25, 2025

VIA Public Records Requests Page
Tom Horne
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Arizona Department of Education
1535 W Jefferson St
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Superintendent Horne:

America First Legal Foundation (“AFL”) is a national, nonprofit organization. AFL works to promote the rule of law in the United States, prevent executive overreach, ensure due process and equal protection for all Americans, and promote knowledge and understanding of the law and individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States. AFL’s mission includes promoting government transparency and accountability by gathering official information, analyzing it, and disseminating it through reports, press releases, and/or other media, including social media platforms, all to educate the public.

Pursuant to the **Arizona Public Records Law**, A.R.S. §§ 39-121 *et seq.*, we request the following:

I. Records Request

- 1) Records of all expenditures from January 1, 2022 through August 1, 2025 used to provide services to children born to mothers who lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States or children where both parents lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States.

II. Non-Commercial Purpose

Per A.R.S. § 39-121.03, this request is for non-commercial purposes, and we request that the records be delivered via email. If you determine that a fee is required, please inform us of that determination as soon as it is made, as well as the estimated amount of such fee, at foia@aflegal.org.

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III. Conclusion

The Arizona Public Records Law requires that the documents be “promptly furnished.” A.R.S. § 39-121.01. If access to the records requested is expected to take a substantial length of time, please promptly notify us of that fact, along with an estimate of when the records will be available. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jacob Meckler
America First Legal Foundation

From: ADE HelpDesk ADE.HelpDesk@azed.gov
Subject: Re: [Request ID :##227394##] : Meckler, Jacob|LegalJournalist|Expenditures
Date: August 29, 2025 at 12:24 PM
To: foia@aflegal.org



Dear Jacob,

Thank you for your public records request.

After reviewing your inquiry, we would like to inform you that our department does not compile or aggregate data in a manner that can fulfill your request. We conducted a thorough search of our database and did not find any relevant information. Additionally, please note that, according to a US Supreme Court ruling (Plyler v. Doe), schools are prohibited from asking about a student's immigration status. <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Plyler-Case-Explainer.pdf>

Kind regards,

Data Governance Team

Please reply to this email when communicating about this request.

Do not add ade.helpdesk@azed.gov to a separate email as it will not be associated with this ticket and it is not an individual inbox that is monitored.

If you need to email outside of the ticket you can use DataRequestMailbox@azed.gov

Category : Data Request

Description :

Options:

PUBLIC

Public Data Sets:

yes

HIDDEN CONTACT:

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==Break_Contact Information==

First Name:

Jacob

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Meckler

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foia@aflegal.org

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Attorney

Phone Number:

PHONE NUMBER:

(301) 893-4614

Requestor Type:

journalist

Organization Name:

America First Legal Foundation

==Break_Government Organizations==

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Have you been in contact with the ADE Communications team regarding this request?:

no

Data Description:

Records of all expenditures from January 1, 2022 through August 1, 2025 used to provide services to children born to mothers who lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States or children where both parents lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States.

School Year (select all that apply):

- 2022
- 2023

Aggregation Level:

- school
- lea
- state

Aggregation Type:

none

FERPA Exception:

none

Privacy Policy Statement:

yes

HIDDEN AGGREGATION:

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==Break_Level of Aggregation==

HIDDEN NON PII:

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HIDDEN ACKNOWLEDGE:

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==Break_Request Acknowledgement==

Public Record Acknowledgement:

yes

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August 25, 2025

VIA Email at DHS.FOIAOfficer@illinois.gov
FOIA Officer
Office of the General Counsel
Illinois Department of Human Services
69 West Washington Street, 9th Floor
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear FOIA Officer:

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Under the **Illinois Freedom of Information Act**, 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/1 *et seq.*, we are requesting the following records:

I. Records Request

- 1) Records of all expenditures from January 1, 2022 through August 1, 2025 used to provide services to children born to mothers who lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States or children where both parents lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States.

II. Fee Waiver

We understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/6(c). However, the law allows you to impose a waiver or reduction of fees when information is sought in the public interest. A waiver is in the public interest when “the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose

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III. Conclusion

We look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by the Act 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/3. If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about when records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jacob Meckler

America First Legal Foundation

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this response when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response. 5 ILCS 140/11.

Thank you for your interest in the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Sincerely,



Thomas Mulcrone (*he/him/his*)
FOIA Officer

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September 15, 2025

VIA Email at hfs.foia@illinois.gov
HFS FOIA Officer
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
2021 S. Grand Ave. E.,
3rd Floor
Springfield, IL 62763

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Will Scolinos

America First Legal Foundation



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September 26, 2025

Will Scolinos

foia@aflegal.org

RE: FOIA #24-634 Scolinos

Dear Will Scolinos:

Thank you for writing to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

Our Office received your FOIA request on September 15, 2025, for the following information:

We are requesting the following records:

- 1) **Records of all expenditures from January 1, 2022 through August 1, 2025 used to provide services to children born to mothers who lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States or children where both parents lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States.**

The Department has no records responsive to your request.

To the extent you view this as a denial of your FOIA request, you have the right to submit a request for review by the Public Access Counselor (the "PAC") in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: public.access@ilag.gov

If you choose to submit a request for review to the PAC, you must do so within 60 days after the date of this letter. Your request for review must be in writing, signed by you, and include a copy of your FOIA request and this response. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response. See 5 ILCS 140/11(a),(b).

Sincerely,

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Daniel Bishop
Assistant Freedom of Information Officer
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services



August 25, 2025

VIA Public Records Page
Jeanne Windham
Public Records Coordinator
Oregon Health Authority
800 NE Oregon St
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Ms. Windham:

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Under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.314 *et seq.*, I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of the following public records:

I. Records Request

- 1) Records of all expenditures from January 1, 2022 through August 1, 2025 used to provide services to children born to mothers who lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States or children where both parents lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States.

As part of this request, please include audio and video recordings, emails, photographs, and documents in Excel, Word, and PDF formats. If any relevant voicemails exist, preserve them for this request as well.¹

¹ ORS 192.005-192.170.

II. Fee Waiver Request

Under ORS 192.324(5), “[t]he custodian of a public record may furnish copies without charge or at a substantially reduced fee if the custodian determines that the waiver or reduction of fees is in the public interest because making the record available primarily benefits the general public.” We respectfully request a waiver of all fees for this request since the disclosure of the information we seek is not primarily in our commercial interest, and is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, making the disclosure a matter of public interest.

III. Conclusion

Under ORS 192, “[e]very person has a right to inspect any public record of a public body” in Oregon unless expressly exempt.² The Oregon Supreme Court further affirmed the essential right of Oregon citizens to inspect public documents when it said, “[a]s Oregon *American Civil Liberties Union v. City of Eugene*, 360 Or. 269, 281, 380 P.3d 281 (2016) in knowing what the servants of government are doing.”³ If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jacob Meckler
America First Legal Foundation

² ORS 192.314(1).

³ *American Civil Liberties Union v. City of Eugene*, 360 Or. 269, 281, 380 P.3d 281 (2016) (citing *MacEwan v. Holm*, 226 Or. 27, 38, 359 P.2d 413 (1961)).

From: Windham Jeanne JEANNE.WINDHAM@oha.oregon.gov
Subject: Public Records Request - Medicaid Expenditures for USA Born Children of Undocumented Immigrants 2022-2025 (OHA Request No. 2025-0798)
Date: September 5, 2025 at 1:32 PM
To: foia@aflegal.org



Good Morning Jacob,

Further to my earlier email (below), there are no responsive records to your request for records reflecting “all expenditures from January 1, 2022 through August 1, 2025 used to provide services to children born to mothers who lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States or children where both parents lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States.” And Oregon Public Records Law does not require public bodies to create new public records in response to requests.

This will complete your request.

Jeanne Windham

Public Records and Internal Litigation Process Coordinator
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From: Windham Jeanne
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 4:50 PM
To: foia@aflegal.org
Subject: Public Records Request - Medicaid Expenditures for USA Born Children of Undocumented Immigrants 2022-2025 (OHA Request No. 2025-0798)

VIA EMAIL ONLY - foia@aflegal.org

August 26, 2025

Jacob P. Meckler, Esq.
America First Legal Foundation
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Suite 231
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Public Records Request - Medicaid Expenditures for USA Born Children of Undocumented Immigrants 2022-2025 (OHA Request No. 2025-0798)

Good Afternoon Jacob,

This will confirm Oregon Health Authority received your August 25, 2025 public records request for records reflecting “all expenditures from January 1, 2022 through August 1, 2025 used to provide services to children born to mothers who

through August 1, 2025 used to provide services to children born to mothers who lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States or children where both parents lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States.”

We will provide to you a cost estimate, if any exist, before completing your request. Please be aware that due to the size of the agency and the volume of records requests received, the agency completes most requests within fifteen (15) business days. Requests that are expected to go beyond fifteen (15) business days will receive an estimated timeline and periodic updates on the status of the request. We will, however, keep you apprised of the status. Thank you for your patience in this regard.

Jeanne Windham

Public Records and Internal Litigation Process Coordinator

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August 25, 2025

VIA Email: publicdisclosure@hca.wa.gov
MaryAnne Lindeblad
Interim Director
Washington State Healthcare Authority
626 8th Ave SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Interim Director Lindeblad:

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Pursuant to the Washington Public Records Act, RCW §§ 42.56.001–42.56.904, AFL requests the following:

I. Records Request

- 1) All expenditures from January 1, 2022 through August 1, 2025 used to provide services to children born to mothers who lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States or children where both parents lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States.

II. Fee Waiver Request

Per the Washington Public Records Act, RCW § 42.56.120(4), “An agency may waive any charge assessed for a request pursuant to agency rules and regulations.” We therefore request such a waiver, given that the requested information will be used to educate the public. However, we understand that we may be charged for fees for copies responsive to our request. To discuss fees and payment, please contact us at foia@aflegal.org before assessing any such fees.

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III. Conclusion

The Washington Public Records Act requires a response to this request within five business days and the records be made available “promptly.” RCW § 42.56.520(1). If access to the records requested takes longer than expected, please provide information about when records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jacob Meckler
America First Legal Foundation



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

626 8th Avenue, SE • P.O. Box 42704 • Olympia, Washington 98504-2704

September 02, 2025

Jacob Meckler
America First Legal Foundation
foia@aflegal.org

Dear Jacob Meckler:

SUBJECT: PDR-25-0501 – Acknowledgement/Closure

In accordance with the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Health Care Authority (HCA) acknowledges receipt of your public disclosure request received and date stamped in this office on August 26, 2025. The number assigned to your request is PDR-25-0501. Please reference this number on all future correspondence regarding this request.

It is our interpretation that you are requesting the following item(s):

1) All expenditures from January 1, 2022 through August 1, 2025 used to provide services to children born to mothers who lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States or children where both parents lacked a lawful immigration status in the United States

If the item(s) listed above is not correct, please respond to this letter.

HCA's procedure is to locate, review for exemptions, and then prepare any responsive records for release.

In response to your public disclosure request, PDR-25-0501, the HCA has conducted a diligent search of its records.

HCA has identified no records responsive to your request.

With this letter, your public disclosure request is closed and this is our final response. HCA does not intend to further address the request, and the PRA's one-year statute of limitations to seek judicial review has started to run as of the date of this letter.

Should you have any questions, please contact me via email at tina.leipski@hca.wa.gov.

PDR-25-0501

Jacob Meckler
September 02, 2025
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Leipski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tina" being more prominent and the last name "Leipski" following in a similar style.

Tina Leipski
Public Disclosure Specialist
Division of Legal Services

By email