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February 21, 2017

VIA U.S. MAIL

Dan Schwartz  
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97 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I am writing to acknowledge that on February 21, 2017 we received your request for:

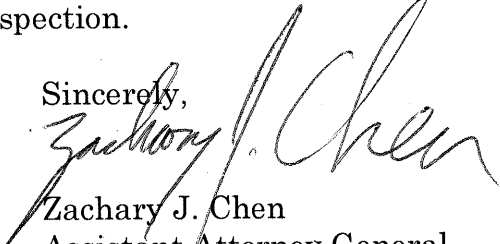
- all records pertaining to an offshore bank account in the Pribanco International LTD Bank in the Bahamas or any other bank account in the Bahamas kept by Cynthia Diaz, town clerk, treasurer and delinquent tax collector of Coventry, or kept by any of her associates;
- all records pertaining to wire transfers from Panama to Diaz;
- all records pertaining to Diaz's CPA, Randall Northrup, who prepared Diaz's tax returns for the periods 2003 to 2009;
- all records pertaining to an audit conducted in Coventry approximately between 2005 and 2007 by CFE Anne Marie Mooney and all records pertaining to all other audits of the town;
- all internal communications regarding the tax evasion case against Diaz that this office built approximately between 2008 and 2011;
- all communications between this office and William (or Bill) Davies, Coventry's attorney, regarding the aforementioned tax evasion case;

- all communications between this office and the IRS regarding said tax evasion case, and;
- all other records pertaining to the investigation into Diaz.

In order to respond to your request, it will be necessary to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records. It is likely that your request will involve records that are exempt from public inspection and copying pursuant to various provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 317(c). Records may be redacted pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 318(e) before they are produced for inspection or copying.

Pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 318(a)(5)(B), we require an extension of time to conduct a review these documents, identify whether they are responsive, and make determinations regarding information that is exempt or subject to redaction. We expect to send a response to you no later than March 7, 2017 as to the number of documents that can be produced for copying or inspection.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Attorney General