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Please describe the records you are requesting and provide as much specificity as possible, including applicable date ranges.

On behalf of The University of Chicago Law School's International Human Rights Clinic ("the Clinic") and pursuant to the Vermont Public Records Law, §315 et seq., I respectfully request copies of public records, broken down by year and in electronic format unless only available in paper, pertaining to prison labor in the state of Vermont. Specifically, for the period of 01/2014 to the present, I am interested in records that detail, mention, reference, or otherwise contain the following types of information or statistics regarding prison labor and prison laborers under the purview of the Vermont Department of Corrections ("DOC"):

1. The number and percentage of prisoners involved in prison labor programs (institutional and/or prison industry jobs) generally, broken down by sex (male or female);
2. The number and percentage of prisoners involved in particular types of labor (institutional and/or prison industry jobs), broken down by specific work assignment and sex (male or female);
3. For requests #1-2, the number and percentage of prisoners who are:
  - a. White or Caucasian;
  - b. Black or African-American;
  - c. Hispanic or Latino/a;
  - d. Asian;
  - e. Other.
4. The hourly wages received by prisoners involved in particular types of labor (institutional and/or prison industry jobs), broken down by specific work assignment;
5. Any legal financial obligations ("LFOs") or other deductions, including interest, imposed on the wages of prisoners involved in prison labor programs (institutional and/or prison industry jobs) generally;
6. Any LFOs or other deductions, including interest, imposed on the wages of prisoners involved in particular types of labor (institutional and/or prison industry jobs), broken down by specific work assignment; and
7. Private corporations or other private entities involved in or benefiting from, at any point in the supply chain, the labor of prisoners under the purview of the DOC.

The specific intent and purpose of this request are to inform academic research conducted by the Clinic, in cooperation with the American Civil Liberties Union (“ACLU”), on prison labor practices in Vermont and the United States, and the resulting report will be made publicly available online via the ACLU’s website; this information is not being sought for commercial purposes. As such, I would like to request a public-interest fee waiver. If, for whatever reason, a fee waiver is denied, please inform me in advance if a cost will be assessed.

Please furnish all available records to [mweisman@lawclinic.uchicago.edu](mailto:mweisman@lawclinic.uchicago.edu), and please contact me if you have any questions regarding this request. I look forward to your prompt response. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Monika Weisman

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Agreement	I agree that I have read the directions and disclaimers on this form and that the information that I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Clicking the Declaration below is equivalent to my electronic signature.
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