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Please see attached.

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*via email to ctolanrecords@gmail.com*

Casey Tolan  
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Re: Vermont Public Records Act request dated November 4, 2019

Dear Mr. Tolan:

I write to provide you with a detailed cost estimate in response to your Vermont Public Records Act ("PRA") request dated November 4, 2019. Your request involved three parts and I address each in turn below.

For parts 1 and 2 of your request, which ask for emails between our office and anyone with an email address ending @oag.ca.gov or @doj.ca.gov, we estimate a total cost of \$549.59, using the Vermont Secretary of State's Uniform Fee Schedule. Your request encompassed four units or divisions in the Vermont Attorney General's Office. A more detailed total of potentially responsive documents in need of review and redaction is as follows:

Environmental Division	27 emails
Medicaid Fraud Unit	210 pages of material
Public Protection Division	17 emails
Solicitor General	776 emails

Note that there may be documents that are technically responsive to your request, but are categorically exempt from production pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c). Such records are not included in this cost estimate. Also note that the first 30 minutes of time spent reviewing and redacting potentially responsive records has no charge, and this has been factored into the total cost estimate.

Regarding part 3 of your request, text messages between Attorney General Donovan and the Attorney General of California, Xavier Becerra, the cost estimate is \$0 as we do not believe there are any responsive records.

If you wish to proceed with your request, please provide a check made out to the State of Vermont in the amount of \$549.59 to the following address:

Vermont Attorney General's Office  
109 State Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05609

Attn: Charity R. Clark, Chief of Staff

We will not proceed until either we receive this check or you inform us that you would like to narrow your request. If the true cost of complying with your request is less than our cost estimate, you will receive a refund of the difference between the amount of your check and the true cost.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Charity R. Clark