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Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:59 PM
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Subject: Request to Obtain Election-Related Complaints from November 2020 Election

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Good afternoon,

Under the Vermont Public Records Law, §315 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to obtain copies of all the election-related complaints in Vermont for the November 2020 election, as well as any related investigative reports and the disposition of each complaint. If this office is not the custodian of records for this request, please forward this letter to the appropriate person or let me know which person(s) has custody of these records.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please let me know. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute to the public's understanding of election administration. I am a student at the University of Pennsylvania working for Votebeat, a nonprofit newsroom covering election administration across the United States. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes; it is intended for use by journalists at Votebeat.

The law requires a response to this request within 2 days, or within 10 days for extraordinary circumstances. If you expect a significant delay in fulfilling this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

I ask that records available in electronic format be sent by email to [REDACTED].

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,
Katie Steele
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