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April 5, 2021

Dear Attorney General Donovan:

I am writing to appeal a public records request denied April 2 by Charity Clark, the attorney general's chief of staff. I've attached the denial letter below.

Pursuant to Vermont's Public Records Act, 1 VSA §§ 315–20, I am seeking from the Vermont Attorney General's Office copies of the following public records on behalf of the Vermont Journalism Trust:

---any and all documents, communications, investigatory records and material related to the Vermont Attorney General's Office's investigation into Allen Pigeon of Swanton, and Zachary Pigeon of St. Albans, that ended with the office dropping its charges against them.

Because this request is in the public interest, I request that you waive any fees for filling it. If fees are assessed, please notify me before proceeding. If, after that conversation, fees are charged, please provide a detailed receipt explaining the purpose of each fee charged.

If some of this material will take longer to provide than other portions, please provide any segments of the requested information as soon as it is available. If any or all of the information can be provided by email, please do so.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this request. I trust you will respond to my request for the records within the timeframe set out in the Public Records Act.

If a record has a portion that is exempt from disclosure, the law [1 VSA 318 (e)] requires that only the exempt portion be redacted, and that a copy of the rest of the document be released, together with a notation of the specific exemption that applies to the portion withheld.

Thank you for your assistance,

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