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**Subject:** Seven Days public records appeal and additional information request

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Hi Lauren,

Please see attached my response to the office's response to my public records request dated May 9, 2022.

Thanks so much,

Chelsea

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May 24, 2022

Vermont Attorney General's Office  
Attn: Lauren Jandl

Hi Lauren,

In response to the Attorney General's Office's response to my public records request, dated 5/9/2022, I would like to appeal the following denial:

(2) The first draft of the portion of the investigative report of the St. Joseph's Orphanage Task Force prepared by Molly Gray. Drafts of the St. Joseph's Orphanage Task Force Investigation report of the Attorney General's Office, including drafts from November 2019 to May 2020 of Ms. Gray's, are exempt from public disclosure on the following grounds: 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(1), (3), (4) (attorney client and work product privileged communications); 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(5)(A)(v) (records related to the detection and investigation of crime where release would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations). These records are therefore withheld.

As a candidate for higher office, Molly Gray's past job performance should be more than usually open to public scrutiny. The AG's office, in this context, has a duty to be more liberal in its interpretation of 1 V.S.A. § 317., not less. Appropriate application of attorney-client privilege statutes notwithstanding, releasing this portion of her work on the St. Joseph's Orphanage Task Force report would be in the public interest. Therefore, I request that this record be released.

I would also like to request the following additional records:

- All materials supplied in response to the records request by VTDigger, dated 5/13/2022
- All email communications between Molly Gray and Natacha Tremblay

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions outlined in 1 V.S.A. § 317. If parts of the records are exempt from release, I ask that you redact the exempt sections with a notation identifying the exemption that you believe applies to the portion withheld and release the rest of the record. If any portion of our request is denied, please notify me of the title and name of the person responsible for the denial and the name of the person to whom an appeal may be made.

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In the event that there are fees, please inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees, because the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest. The requested documents will be used by Seven Days and not for commercial purposes. If there is anything I can do to help expedite or clarify the request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-512-8247.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Edgar

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