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To: Mishaan, Jessica <Jessica.Mishaan@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: response to public records act request

Ms. Mishaan,

The following is my reply to William Griffin's letter of July 5, 2018 that you sent me by email.

Thank you,
Dean Corren

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7/19/2018
Re: Public Records Request of Dean Corren, 6/20/2018

Dear Mr. Griffin,

Thank you for your 7/5/18 reply to my PRA request of 6/20/18.

First, I appreciate the provision of links to prior releases. Unfortunately, they did not prove useful with regard to my request. The Robert Hemley link provides records almost entirely about the requests themselves, rather than relevant subject records. The attached responses to Brady Toensing were similarly mostly about the PRA process itself, and the substantive records were, with a couple of exceptions, not related to my request.

In providing the cost estimate to provide the records I requested, your letter failed to address my request that any fees be waived since the information is in the public interest. As I wrote previously, insofar as I am, uniquely, personally barred from taking legal action with regard to this issue area against "the State, its departments, agencies, and all present and former employees, officers, agents and representatives" pursuant to the Settlement Agreement in VT vs. Corren, this request for public information is explicitly not for personal use, and only for the general public accountability of the actions of government officials. It is self-evident that learning this public information is in the public interest since it is likely to inform the public on the critical issue of how Vermont's campaign finance laws have been enforced.

In any case, since all of the records requested are limited to those that involve Dean Corren or the 2014 Lieutenant Governor election since May 1, 2014, it is difficult to understand how you arrived at the estimate of 5,900 pages of potentially responsive records. Please send me a breakdown of that estimate. Also, if you can suggest any ways to further limit the request, I would appreciate it and would consider them.

Also, certain materials I requested such as those utilized in the public presentations (Request #3), cannot possibly involve any privilege, and thus do not require any work beyond copying or simply making them available for my inspection. Please identify these records specifically, and when and how I might examine them.

Finally, please clarify for me whether any records have been provided to Brady Toensing pursuant to the October 2017 Supreme Court order in Brady C. Toensing v. The Attorney General of Vermont, No. 2017-090. If and when they are, such records, having already been cleared as not otherwise privileged, can readily be determined as to whether they involve Dean Corren or the 2014 Lt. Gov. race and provided to me with a minimum of staff time.

Sincerely,
Dean Corren

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