

From: [Clark, Charity](#)
To: [Angelo Martin](#)
Subject: RE: Vermont Public Records Act request, dated August 24, 2020
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:34:46 PM

Thank you, Mr. Martin. You have answered all of my questions, and we can now move forward with preparing a cost estimate for you. It will take a few days, but stay tuned.

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From: Angelo Martin <amartin@judicialwatch.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Clark, Charity <Charity.Clark@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Vermont Public Records Act request, dated August 24, 2020

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Ms. Clark,

Thank you for your email. Below are my revised requests. Let me know if there are any issues with this.

1. Communications, such as emails, between Attorney General TJ Donovan or members of the front office, the Consumer Unit, and the Civil Rights Unit of the Office of the Vermont Attorney General and employees of Twitter and Facebook, namely, those with email domains @fb.com @support.facebook.com @twitter.com @e.twitter.com, about disinformation, hate speech, and harassment on social media platforms. The timeframe for this request is July 12th, 2020 to August 12th, 2020.
2. Communications, such as emails, between Attorney General TJ Donovan or members of the front office, the Consumer Unit, and the Civil Rights Unit of the Office of the Vermont Attorney General, and other state attorneys general or members of their staff, namely those with email domains @doj.ca.gov @oag.ca.gov @hawaii.gov @delaware.gov @oag.state.va.us @ncdoj.gov @ct.gov @ag.iowa.gov @riag.ri.gov @njoag.gov @nj.gov @dc.gov @ag.ny.gov @nmag.gov @state.ma.us @oag.state.md.us @maine.gov @atg.state.il.us @pa.gov @attorneygeneral.gov @ag.state.mn.us @doj.state.wi.us, about disinformation, hate speech, and harassment on social media platforms. The timeframe for this request July 12th, 2020 to August 12th, 2020.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you,

Angelo Martin

From: Clark, Charity <Charity.Clark@vermont.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:26 PM

To: Angelo Martin <amartin@judicialwatch.org>

Subject: Vermont Public Records Act request, dated August 24, 2020

Dear Mr. Martin:

In follow-up to my voicemail this afternoon, in order to move ahead with your request of the Attorney General's Office (AGO) for public records, you will need to provide some clarifying details.

You requested:

1. Communications, including emails and text messages, between Attorney General TJ Donovan or any member of his staff and any employee of Twitter and Facebook about disinformation, hate speech, or harassment on social media platforms. The timeframe of this request is July 12th, 2020 to August 12th, 2020.
2. Communications, including emails and text messages, between Attorney General TJ Donovan or any member of his staff and other state attorneys general or members of their staffs about disinformation, hate speech, or harassment on social media platforms. The timeframe of this request is July 12th, 2020 to August 12th, 2020.

With regard to "any member of [the Attorney General's] staff," over 100 employees fall under the AGO umbrella. Given the scope of topic of "disinformation, hate speech, or harassment on social media platforms," I would recommend we search the communications of AGO employees who are most likely to be communicating on this topic, namely, members of the front office, members of our Consumer Unit who deal with social media, and members of our Civil Rights Unit. Let me know if, instead, you would like us to perform a broader search.

With regards to "any employee of Twitter and Facebook," for emails we can do our best to search possible email extensions. If you have specific extensions you would like us to search, however, just let me know. As for text messages, we will need names or phone numbers in order to perform this search.

Finally, with regard to "other state attorneys general or members of their staffs," again, having email extensions or names would help to direct the search.

We will wait to proceed with preparing a cost estimate until we hear from you.

Thank you.

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