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Subject: Public Records Request by BFP re BIRS Records; Extension of Time for Response and Cost Estimate

Please see attached letter.

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Via E-Mail Only --- ebakuli@freepressmedia.com

Ethan Bakuli
Burlington Free Press

Re: August 29, 2020 Public Records Request: Bias Incident Reporting System Records

Dear Ethan:

I am writing in connection with your August 28, 2020 e-mail message in which you requested “an opportunity to inspect records of bias complaints opened for investigation through the Attorney General Office’s ‘Bias Incident Reporting System’ dating back to January 2019.” Your request is governed by Vermont’s Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. §§ 315-320.

In our phone call this morning, you stated that you seek not only (1) those bias incident complaints sent to our office by members of the public that resulted in our opening an investigative file, but also (2) any investigative file records pertaining to those public complaints. You also reiterated your request for fee estimate.

Our office requires a brief extension of time to respond to your request given both the upcoming Labor Day break and the nature / scope of records sought. Pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 318(b)(5), we will provide a follow-up response within 10 business days.

Sincerely,

/s/

Julio A. Thompson
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