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Please see attached.

Best,
Emily

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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 Cost Estimate

Dear Ethan:

I am writing in connection with your August 28, 2020 e-mail message in which you initially requested “an opportunity to inspect records of bias complaints opened for investigation through the Attorney General’s Office ‘Bias Incident Reporting System’ dating back to January 2019.” In a follow up phone call on September 2, 2020 with Civil Rights Unit Director Julio Thompson, you clarified that you are seeking not only (1) those bias incidents complaints sent to our office by members of the public that resulted in the opening of an investigative file, but also (2) any investigative file records pertaining to those public complaints. In this call, you requested a fee estimate with regards to obtaining copies of records under this request.

This request is governed by Vermont’s Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. §§ 315-320. The documents and communications covered by your request may contain records which will require redaction and others which may be exempt from disclosure pursuant to provisions contained within 1 V.S.A. § 317.

Your request requires the review of approximately 550 pages of electronic records, both e-mail complaints and bias incident investigative files.

The cost of production is estimated as follows:

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| 1. Attorney review of records | 550 mins at \$.57/minute (\$313.50) |
| 2. Admin redaction of records | 1100 mins at \$.45/minute (\$495.00) |

There is no charge for the first 30 minutes.

Should you wish to proceed with your request, please forward us a check for the total estimated cost of \$791.40 (having eliminated any charge for the first 30 minutes of attorney review). If the actual cost to respond to your request is less than estimated, the difference will be refunded to you.

Upon receipt of check, the records will be made available to you. Checks may be sent to:

Attn: Marcey Hodgdon
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Should you have any questions regarding this matter or wish to modify or discuss your request please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/
Emily Chamberlain Adams
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