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VIA E-MAIL

Dear Paul:

Attached please find records in response to your public record act request dated April 10, 2017. Please be aware that, due to other demands including other public record act requests under review, this production does not yet include records from the account of Deputy Attorney General Josh Diamond (though you will see a number of Josh Diamond records in this production from other accounts). We will provide any additional records of Josh Diamond over the next ten business days.

We appreciate the narrowing of your request to exclude: "boiler plate" references to the Public Records Act in email signatures and attachments to state contracts, references to Judge Teachout (such records do not relate to the public records act), and filings in the EELI cases.

The following types of records and information have been withheld or redacted pursuant to the provisions cited below.

Identifying information regarding a request for an accommodation, and two personal email addresses have been redacted pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(7).

Information contained in internal communications of the Attorney General's Office that identifies targets of investigation in our Public Protection Division and other work product of the Division has been redacted as otherwise confidential by law pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(1), (see 9 V.S.A. § 2460), attorney client communications and work product pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(3) and (4), and personal information pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(7).

In addition, the following types of records and information have been redacted or withheld as attorney client communications or work product pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(3) and (4):

- (1) Email communications between the Attorney General and John Treadwell, Chief of the Criminal Division, regarding legal advice on a pending public records act request; and an

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email communication from Willa Farrell to the Attorney General regarding opioid use and childhood emotional abuse;

- (2) Email communications from assistant attorneys general as well as agency general counsels to Bill Griffin seeking legal advice regarding public record act requests;
- (3) Email communications from assistant attorneys general, agency general counsels, and administrative staff to me seeking legal advice regarding public record act requests; responses from me; and informational copies of such records sent from me to the Attorney General, Josh Diamond, and/or Bill Griffin; and
- (4) Email communications between Bill Griffin, a special assistant attorney general, and an administrative assistant in which draft filings related to pending litigation involving EELI are shared. These records are also presently exempt from disclosure as relevant to litigation pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(14). [My understanding is that your narrowed request has excluded filings in the EELI cases; these are the drafts of the final filings.]

If you feel information or records have been withheld in error, you may appeal to the Deputy Attorney General Josh Diamond. We hope the attached and above information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,



Sarah London  
Assistant Attorney General