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RE: Public Records Request – Audrey Groat

Dear Mr. McDermott,

The initial review of your Public Records request, dated February 19, 2018, has been completed. The initial review has taken approximately fourteen hours of staff time, however you will not be charged for any of the costs incurred during this initial review process. As noted in an earlier correspondence, the materials which are covered by the request are voluminous and contain numerous records which will require redaction and many others which are exempt from disclosure pursuant to provisions contained within 1 V.S.A. § 317. There are approximately seven boxes of records that cover your request. The following is an estimate of the time and associated costs necessary to respond to your request:

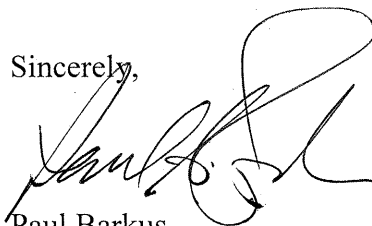
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| 1. Attorney redaction of paper records | 23 hrs @ \$.57/minute |
| 2. Attorney review of VHS tapes | 11 hrs @ \$.57/minute |
| 3. Scanning of paper records | 20 hrs @ \$.33/minute |
| 4. Admin redaction of paper records | 15 hrs @ \$.33/minute |
| 5. Admin redaction of VHS/video | Unknown (may add to costs) |

(See “Uniform Schedule of Public Records Charges for State Agencies, Vermont Secretary of State,” available at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/archives-records/certifications-fees/uniform-fee-schedule.aspx>)

If you wish that work may proceed on your request, please forward a check for the total estimated costs of \$1,855.80. If the actual cost to respond to your request is less than that estimated, the difference will be refunded to you.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Paul Barkus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Barkus', written in a cursive style.

Paul Barkus
Assistant Attorney General

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