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**Subject:** Revised Cost Estimate re Public Records Request

Ms. Brown:

Please see the attached letter.

Best regards,

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August 4, 2020

Via E-Mail Only— catskillmarina@gmail.com

Marina Brown

Re: July 21, 2020 Request for Public Records; Follow Up on Cost Estimate

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing regarding your July 24, 2020 e-mail message in which you requested (1) inspection or (2) copies of "records regarding the group 'Patriot Front' in the bias reporting database." In a follow up conversation with AAG Emily Adams on July 28, 2020, you clarified that your request was for any files or records the Office of the Attorney General maintained relating to the group 'Patriot Front.'

This request is governed by Vermont's Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. §§ 315-320.

As set forth in the e-mail message to you from Public Protection Chief Christopher Curtis on July 31, 2020, our preliminary estimate was \$190.35 to identify, collect, review, and possibly redact portions of responsive documents.

By e-mail message dated August 3, 2020, you requested that our office waive the estimated \$190.35 fee. Today, however, you sent us an e-mail message saying that a non-profit organization you are working with is willing to pay the applicable fee.

Upon further review of potentially responsive documents and assessment of time needed for additional review or redaction, our revised cost estimate at this time is \$120.00. We ask that you confirm in writing your willingness to pay the estimated cost (\$120.00) before we proceed with further processing of your request. Upon receipt of the payment, responsive, non-exempt records will be made available to you.

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The check, payable to, "State of Vermont – Attorney General's Office" should be sent to:

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Thank you for contacting the Vermont Attorney General's Office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Julio Thompson Director Civil Rights Unit