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Via email to akeays@vtdigger.org

Alan Keays VTDigger

Re: Vermont Public Records Act request, dated January 21, 2021

Dear Alan:

As I explained by phone, the case that is the subject of your Public Records Act request dated January 21, 2021, was sealed by order of the court on January 29, 2021. Pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 7607, requests for public records going forward are to be met with the response that no record exists. Given that your request was already pending, however, the view of the Attorney General's Office is that we must meet our obligation under the Public Records Act to fulfill your request. Therefore, on the same day of the court's order sealing the case, we filed a motion to reconsider to allow us to meet this obligation. We await the court's decision on our motion. It is customary for an opposing party to file a response to a motion, and, in this case, we expect our opposing parties' response(s) in the coming days.

Also, I want to confirm that, on February 1, 2021, we received your check of \$180.00, which was postmarked January 29, 2021. Unless I hear from you otherwise, we will hold this check until the court resolves the State's motion to reconsider.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/</u>
Charity R. Clark
Chief of Staff