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To: Office of the Attorney General  
RE: Records request  
Good afternoon:

Under the Vermont Public Records Law, §315 et seq, I am requesting an opportunity to obtain copies of the following Office of Attorney General public records:

Copies of all complaints made from Jan. 1, 2011, through the present regarding adoptions, including, but not limited to, complaints and adoption fraud.

If these records are kept in electronic format, please provide them in that format. If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$100.

However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and is part of newsgathering that will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of adoption. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act requires a response to this request be made within five business days. If it will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies of the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

If other questions arise, please contact me at this email, or at 561 670 0462.

Thank you~

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