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Mr. David Burger

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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
2025 FOIA 077736

Dear Mr. Burger:

Thank you for writing to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General with your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*).

In a request received via our Public Records Center on December 30, 2025, you requested the following:

[A]ccess to communications between the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Governor concerning whistleblower allegations, prosecutorial decisions, and related investigations.

RECORDS REQUESTED:

ALL communications between the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Office concerning:

Jenny Thornley

- Criminal prosecution
- Charging decisions

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- Plea negotiations
- Sentencing recommendations
- Workers' compensation fraud allegations
- Employment status
- Any matters related to Jenny Thornley

Emily Fox and People ex rel. Fox v. State of Illinois, et al.

- The qui tam lawsuit
- Motion to dismiss
- Litigation strategy
- Emily Fox's whistleblower allegations
- Settlement discussions
- Any matters related to Emily Fox or the lawsuit

Illinois State Police Merit Board

- Merit Board proceedings
- Investigations
- Referrals to Attorney General's Office
- Coordination on cases
- Any matters related to Merit Board activities

Jack Garcia

- Allegations involving Jack Garcia
- Investigations concerning Jack Garcia
- Merit Board proceedings involving Jack Garcia
- Any matters related to Jack Garcia

Workers' Compensation Fraud Investigations

- Referrals from Illinois Department of Insurance
- Investigation decisions
- Prosecutorial decisions
- Case declinations
- Any matters related to workers' compensation fraud

McGuireWoods Investigation

- The McGuireWoods investigation of State Police
- Coordination on investigation findings
- Response to investigation
- Implementation of recommendations
- Any matters related to the McGuireWoods investigation

DEFINITION OF "COMMUNICATIONS": For purposes of this request, "communications" includes but is not limited to:

- Emails, text messages, instant messages, and other electronic communications
- Letters, memoranda, and written correspondence
- Meeting notes, agendas, and summaries of meetings or phone calls
- Briefing materials prepared for meetings between the offices
- Calendar entries showing meetings between the offices on these topics
- Any other records documenting information exchange between the two offices

SCOPE OF OFFICES: This request includes communications between any staff member of the Attorney General's Office and any staff member of the Governor's Office, including but not limited to:

- Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Governor J.B. Pritzker
- Deputy Attorneys General and Deputy Governors
- Communications staff between both offices
- Legal counsel in both offices
- Chiefs of Staff and senior advisors
- Any other personnel in either office

TIME PERIOD: January 1, 2020 through present

SCOPE CLARIFICATION: This request seeks records documenting coordination, information sharing, or consultation between two constitutional offices on matters involving whistleblower allegations, prosecutorial decisions, and investigations. These are not attorney-client privileged communications as the Governor's Office is not the client of the Attorney General's Office in these matters, nor are they attorney work product as they concern coordination between separate government offices rather than litigation preparation. The public has a paramount interest in understanding whether and how political considerations from the Governor's Office influenced the Attorney General's exercise of prosecutorial discretion and handling of whistleblower allegations against the Governor's administration. (Capitalization in original.)

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Please be advised that we are extending the time within which to respond to your request by five business days as allowed by section 3(e)(iv) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/3(e)(iv)) because:

(iv) the requested records have not been located in the course of routine search and additional efforts are being made to locate them[.]

Very truly yours,



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FOIA Officer

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