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Andrew Scheinman
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Re: FOIA #14-134

Dear Mr. Scheinman:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of March 12, 2014, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

- “1. All emails and other communications by Laura Frerichs and to Laura Frerichs that reference me, either by name (Andrew Scheinman) or by indirect reference. This will include all communications where I am mentioned directly or indirectly in the subject line or in the content of the communication.
2. In order to appropriately limit the scope of this inquiry, I confine it to communications at or after July 1, 2013...
3. As for 1-2, but the communications from/to Ms. Frerichs to Mr. Chirag Shah...
4. [sic] As for 1-2, but the communications from/to Ms. Frerichs to Mr. Matt Cho or CoLab...”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 86 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted and other documents have been withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(a) that exempts from disclosure “Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing adopted under federal or State law.” Under this exemption, documents containing legal advice given by an attorney that is required to remain confidential under state law, including, without limitation, the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct were redacted or withheld from the responsive documents.
- 140/7(1)(b) that exempts from disclosure “Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order.” This includes cell phone numbers and email addresses.
- 140/7(1)(c) that exempts from disclosure “Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” This includes cell phone numbers, email addresses, and information about private citizens’ personal, family or business affairs.
- 140/7(1)(f) of FOIA, which exempts “Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda, and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record of relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” This includes drafts of documents, and communications containing deliberations, opinions, proposed actions and recommendations.

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- 140/7(1)(m) that exempts from disclosure “Communications between a public body and an attorney or auditor representing the public body that would not be subject to discovery in litigation, and materials prepared or compiled by or for a public body in anticipation of a criminal, civil or administrative proceeding upon the request of an attorney advising the public body...” Pursuant to this exemption, communications covered under the attorney client privilege and/or the work product doctrine that would not be subject to discovery were redacted or withheld from the responsive records.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer