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Subject:	OMA Request for Review (Jasper County Community Unit School District #1) - 12-27-2017
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AG PAC,

Please consider this a request for review of allegations of Open Meetings Act violations.

NAME OF PUBLIC BODY: Jasper County Community Unit School District #1

DATE OF ALLEGED OMA VIOLATONS: December 18, 2017

This request for review is brought under Section 3.5 of the Open Meetings Act, which states that a person who believes that a violation of this Act by a public body has occurred may file a request for review of the alleged violation.

ALLEGATION:

This is an allegation that the Jasper County Community Unit School District #1 has violated the Open Meetings Act in the following ways:

- *Entering into a Closed Session with a majority of a quorum for the express intent of discussing the public business of the public body. Violation of Sections 2 and 2a of the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/2 and 2a] by improperly holding a closed session, and without making a verbatim recording of that closed session (Section 2.06(a)).*

In particular, here are I believe are the violations of the Open Meetings Act:

- **Failed to vote, in an open meeting, to enter into closed session**
- **Failed to disclose reason for entering into closed session**
- **Failed to record the vote of each member on the question of entering into a closed session**
- **Entered closed session for a reason which is not listed as an exception to an open meeting**
- **Held a meeting closed to the public without recording the meeting**
- **Stayed in closed session for approximately 29 seconds before another board member opened the door**

After the meeting was over, I approached the board to ask a couple question while they were getting ready to leave. I was immediately interrupted by a board member, who kept talking,

which caused me to raise the volume of my voice, which caused her to raise hers, and me to raise mine. Then another board member joined in for the purpose of talking over me while I attempted to ask a question or two. None of this is a claimed OMA violation.

<u>The alleged OMA violation</u>: Later two police officers showed up after the second board member (Melissa Stanley called 9-1-1 with a false report about violence), talked to me and another person, then went to talk to the board in the meeting room. The police officer never asked for the door to be closed, however, Melissa Stanley closed it anyway. This created a closed session of the majority of a quorum of that school board. The door stayed closed for approximately 29 seconds.

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<u>Electronic communications preferred.</u>

Thanks for your prompt consideration of this matter,
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