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February 27, 2018

VIA EMAIL

Kirk Allen
kirk@illinoisleaks.com

Re: FOIA Request # 2018-070

Dear Mr. Allen:

This letter is in response to your Illinois Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request received on February 20, 2018 seeking: “all emails sent and received from email address Firstlady1.Diana@Illinois.gov between May 1st, 2017 and January 31st, 2018.”

The Governor’s Office has determined that your request is unduly burdensome to the operations of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3(g). **In this case, responding to your request would require manual review of more than 7500 emails.** Given the sensitive nature of personal information the Governor’s Office often receives, review of all documents for responsiveness, production, and redaction under 5 ILCS 140/7 requires significant, careful, and time-intensive review. The Governor’s Office receives requests from the public and many media organizations on a weekly basis regarding legislative changes, budget, public safety and health, public policy, and reform initiatives. A high proportion of requests that this office receives involve a significant public interest. In order to adequately address the competing demands on the Office’s limited resources, the Governor’s Office must deem your request to be unduly burdensome to the operations of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3(g). *Shehadeh v. Madigan*, 996 N.E.2d 1243, 1249 (Ill. App. 2013). You are welcome to narrow your request to more manageable proportions. The Governor’s Office is willing to work with you to narrow your request.

To the extent you consider this response to be a denial of your FOIA request, you have the right to submit a request for review by the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General to:

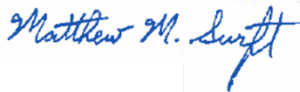
Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General

500 South 2nd Street
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If you choose to submit a request for review, you must do so within 60 days after the date of this response letter. The request for review must be in writing, signed by you, and include a copy of your FOIA request and this office's response. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). In addition, you have the right to seek judicial review of this response. 5 ILCS 140/11(a), (b).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew M. Swift". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Matthew Swift

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