



UNC-Chapel Hill Public Records Office

My name is Evlondo Cooper, and I am a Senior Fellow with Checks and Balances Project, a nonpartisan government and industry watchdog blog.

Under the North Carolina Public Records Law, G.S. §132-1., I am writing to request an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that relate to University of North Carolina research into where short-term rentals are currently illegal and what laws are being violated, including:

- grants, contracts, research proposals and results of preliminary analyses; and
- all communications records, including emails, between any representative of the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) and the staff or faculty of the University of North Carolina concerning the aforementioned research project(s).

This request seeks records created and/or received during the following period from January 1, 2014 through Today.

As indicated above, I am requesting copies of every document related to this matter, regardless of the format in which the information is stored, including electronic records and emails.

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 will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of university/corporate partnerships. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The law requires that you respond to and fulfill this request "as promptly as possible." If you expect a significant delay in responding to and fulfilling this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you believe justifies your refusal to release the information and notify me at evlondo@checksandbalancesproject.org of appeal procedures available under the law.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with my records request. Please contact me with any questions whatsoever. In addition to email, you can reach me by phone at 504-521-7440.