



VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

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January 25, 2018

Representative William Seitz  
Majority Floor Leader, Ohio House  
77 South High Street, 13th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Seitz:

I am the executive director of Checks and Balances Project, a government and industry watchdog group. Under the Ohio Revised Code § 149.43 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that relate to communications from December 1, 2016 to today by yourself and Legislative Aide Jimmy Wolf about coal or:

- the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC)
- House Bill HB 239
- the Ohio Power Siting Board
- the Ohio Assembly's Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (J-CARR).

with any of the following individuals:

- Chuck Jones, President & CEO, FirstEnergy Corporation;
- Ty Pine, Director, State Affairs-Ohio, FirstEnergy Corporation;
- Mike Carey, Vice President of Government Affairs, Murray Energy Corporation;
- Dennis Watson, Director of Government Affairs, Murray Energy Corporation;
- Sam Randazzo, McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC and Counsel to the Industrial Energy Users-Ohio;
- Scott E. Elisar, McNees Wallace & Nurick;
- Kevin Murray, McNees Wallace & Nurick and Executive Director of the Industrial Energy Users-Ohio;
- Julie ("Julia F.") Johnson, Union Neighbors United.

Specifically, I seek records that include:

- Public and private text messages in which you or Mr. Wolf may have discussed public business with any of the above-referenced individuals. This request is irrespective of device or system.
- Public and private emails that discuss public business relating to coal with any of the above-referenced individuals.

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- Official phone logs with any of the above-referenced individuals.
- All meetings calendars, electronic or paper, public and private, irrespective of device with any of the above-referenced individuals.

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 the Ohio legislature. The records may be used in web posting. The information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

Please respond to this request promptly. If access to the records I am requesting will be delayed, 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 provide an explanation, including legal authority, setting forth why the request was denied.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Peterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" being more prominent than the last name "Peterson".

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