



VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

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December 22, 2017

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 by yourself and Legislative Aide Jimmy Wolf about wind energy or wind turbine laws in Ohio with Ty Pine, director, State Affairs-Ohio, FirstEnergy Corp.; Mike Carey, vice president of Government Affairs, Murray Energy Corporation; and Sam Randazzo, of McNess Wallace & Nurick LLC and counsel to the Industrial Energy Users-Ohio.

This request covers the period of December 1, 2016 to today.

Specifically, I seek records that include:

- Text messages in which you or Mr. Wolf may have discussed public business with any FirstEnergy Corp., Murray Energy Corp. or Industrial Energy Users-Ohio employee, or any lobbyist representing any of the named entities. This request is irrespective of device or system; public and private.
- Public and private emails that discuss public business relating to wind energy or wind turbine laws with any employee of FirstEnergy Corp, Murray Energy Corp. or Industrial Energy Users-Ohio, or any lobbyist representing any of the named entities.
- Official phone logs for the above-referenced dates.
- All meetings calendars for the above-referenced dates, electronic or paper, public and private, irrespective of device.

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.

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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 blue ink that reads "Scott Peterson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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