Dear FOI Officer:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.) and your agency’s implementing regulations, I respectfully request access to or a copy of:

- All federal or state subpoenas received between Jan. 1, 2009 and today.

As you know, the FOIA requires an agency to reduce or even waive duplication fees where the disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government. I believe the principal purpose of my request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, welfare and legal rights of the general public. I plan to use the requested information as the basis of a newspaper article advancing the public interest. Therefore, I respectfully request a waiver of all duplication fees associated with this request.

I believe that all of the information I have requested is subject to public disclosure pursuant the FOIA. However, if you decide to withhold all or part of the information requested, please send me a detailed statement of the reasons for this denial along with references to the specific exemptions of the FOIA you are claiming for each withheld document. I expect you to release all legally disclosable portions of otherwise exempt material.

Because I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate a response to my request within 5 working days as required by the Act. Please provide the documents by the easiest and quickest means possible, whether that be e-mail, fax or regular postal service.

Sincerely,

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