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VIA E-MAIL, mvanover@isbe.net, PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT

Mr. Matt Vanover
FOIA Officer
Illinois State Board of Education
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST No. 100630089

Dear Mr. Vanover:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/.

Please provide me with copies of any correspondence between Alexi Giannoulias, Mark Kirk, or LeAlan M. Jones, or any of their governmental or political representatives, and your agency, from January 2001 to present.

As you know, in accordance with 5 ILCS 140/3 (d), your office must respond in writing within five working days after receipt of this request.

Disclosure of the information in these records is in the public interest and would primarily benefit the general public. I am a reporter for The Associated Press, a not-for-profit newsgathering organization, and the principal purpose of this request is to review the documents provided and write about them in a news story about activities of candidates for U.S. Senate, not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit, but regarding the welfare and legal rights of the public. Accordingly, under ILCS 140/6 (c) of the FOIA, I request a waiver of any copying charges that your office would ordinarily impose in responding to this request. If your office chooses not to grant a waiver, please contact me to discuss the matter further.

You can reach me at (217) 789-2700. My e-mail address is joconnor@ap.org and the fax number is (217) 789-8973.

Sincerely,

/S/

John O'Connor