Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request

To Whom It May Concern:

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

I request that a copy of the following documents be provided to me: logs of Freedom of Information Act requests involving tenure for minority professors at Illinois public universities.

I would like to obtain copies of these records.

I understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 ILCS 140/6. I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest. I am a student journalist requesting these logs for research purposes.

I look forward to hearing from you in writing within seven working days, as required by the Act. 5 ILCS 140(3).

Sincerely,

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