FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST No. 101021156

Dear Mr. Vanover:

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

Please provide me with copies of documents containing the following information about any member initiatives, or similar grants sponsored by legislators or other state government officials, from January 2006 to the present:

1. Recipient organization
2. Address of recipient organization
3. Primary officer(s) of recipient organization or name of person(s) with organization primarily responsible for administering the grant
4. Name of member of the General Assembly or other government office-holder or official (and title or position) who sponsored the grant
5. Amount of grant
6. Date awarded
7. Dates of grant period
8. Explanation of goals or purpose of grant

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 grants of state money, not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit, but affecting the legal rights of the general public, which is entitled to know how its tax money is being spent. 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