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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST No. 14-044

Dear Mr. Vanover:

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

Please provide me copies of any documents that show, from Jan. 1, 2015 to the day before your reply to this request:

1. For each employment separation, the name of the person dismissed, job title, day notice was given, date on which each was no longer required to report to work, and date on which each was removed from the payroll.
2. For each instance in which someone received written termination but was not dismissed, the name of the person, job title, and the day the termination was rescinded for each.

As you know, under 5 ILCS 140/1, the FOIA is not intended as an obligation on your public body to create a public record which it does not otherwise maintain. However, if it is more convenient for the governor’s office to create a list with the above-requested information on it, that is acceptable.

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

Please remember that under 5 ILCS 140/7 (1), public information that is part of an otherwise exempt record must be disclosed.

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 government personnel actions, not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit, but regarding the health, safety and welfare or the legal rights of the general 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.

Sincerely,

/S/

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