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Custodian of Records
The Honorable Phil Bryant
Governor of Mississippi
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Mississippi Public Records Act Request

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of our client the Campaign for Southern Equality, we write under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 et seq., to request an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records (as defined in § 25-61-3(b)) related to the following:

1. Correspondence or communications between the office of Governor Phil Bryant and the Alliance Defending Freedom (“ADF”) or any of its employees, agents, or affiliates.
2. Correspondence or communications between the office of Governor Phil Bryant and the American Family Association (“AFA”) or any of its employees, agents, or affiliates.

3. Correspondence or communications between the office of Governor Phil Bryant and any other individual, organization, or entity that assisted in the drafting of, advised on, or lobbied on behalf of HB 1523, the “Protection Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act.” H.B. 1523, 2016 Reg. Sess. (Miss. 2016).
4. Correspondence or communications between the office of Governor Phil Bryant and any department, agency or division within the executive branch of government related to HB 1523, the “Protection Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act.” H.B. 1523, 2016 Reg. Sess. (Miss. 2016).
5. Correspondence or communications between the office of Governor Phil Bryant and any department, agency or division within the executive branch of government related to HB 1523, the “Protection Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act.” H.B. 1523, 2016 Reg. Sess. (Miss. 2016).
6. Correspondence or communications between the office of Governor Phil Bryant and any member of the Mississippi legislature or their staffs related to HB 1523, the “Protection Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act.” H.B. 1523, 2016 Reg. Sess. (Miss. 2016).

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$50. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public’s understanding of passage HB 1523. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The law requires that you respond to and fulfill this request no later than seven working days from the receipt of this request for the production of the record. § 25-61-5(1)(a). If you are unable to do so, the law requires that you provide me with a written explanation, stating that the requested record will be produced and specifying with particularity why the records cannot be produced with the seven day period. § 25-61-5(1)(b).

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roberta A. Kaplan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roberta A. Kaplan