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**By Email**  
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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Ms. Lipscomb:

I write in response to your letter of July 8, 2016, requesting clarification of my public records request dated June 16, 2016 pertaining to records of correspondence or communications of the office of Governor Phil Bryant related to H.B. 1523. Specifically, you sought clarification of Requests Nos. 1 and 2 which seek:

- (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.

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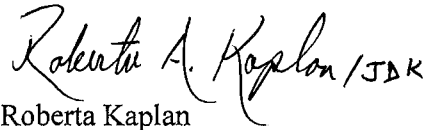
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In your July 8, 2016 letter you asked that these requests be narrowed to a specific time frame and subject matter. Such requests can be limited to the period beginning on January 1, 2014 through the present.

We believe the scope of our requests are appropriately narrow in accordance with the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 et seq. Nevertheless, we will narrow the subject matter of requests Nos. 1 and 2 to all correspondence between the office of Governor Phil Bryant and ADF and/or AFA related to policies or legislation regarding the protection of religious liberty, including but not limited to any correspondence or communication regarding HB 1523, 2016 Reg. Sess. (Miss. 2016). For the avoidance of doubt, this request includes any documents pertaining to "a description of the fee arrangement" with the Governor's office and Alliance Defending Freedom in its representation of the Governor pursuant to Mississippi state law. Miss. Code Ann. § 7-5-21.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Roberta A. Kaplan in cursive, with the initials 'JDK' at the end of the signature.

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