

From: **Laura Belin** <[laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Fri, Sep 24, 2021 at 2:21 PM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Michael, another 25 business days have passed. I am still seeking these records, first requested on April 27, 2020. Let me know when I can expect to receive the material.

Laura

From: **Laura Belin** <[laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Fri, Aug 20, 2021 at 2:14 PM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Hello Michael,

Twenty business days have passed since I last reminded you that I am still seeking these records, first requested on April 27, 2020. Let me know when I can expect to receive the material.

Yours,

Laura

From: **Laura Belin** <[laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Fri, Jul 23, 2021 at 8:49 AM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>, <[sara.craig@iowa.gov](mailto:sara.craig@iowa.gov)>, Pat Garrett <[pat.garrett@iowa.gov](mailto:pat.garrett@iowa.gov)>

Dear Michael,

More than six months have passed since Governor Reynolds told members of the Iowa Capitol Press Association that she would commit to having her staff fulfill public records requests in a timely manner.

I am still seeking these records, which I first requested on April 27, 2020. Let me know when I can expect to receive the material.

If you have determined that these records are not subject to release upon demand, please cite the specific subsection of Iowa Code on which you base your opinion.

Yours,

Laura

Exhibit A

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Tue, Jan 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>, Garrett, Pat <[pat.garrett@iowa.gov](mailto:pat.garrett@iowa.gov)>, <[sara.craig@iowa.gov](mailto:sara.craig@iowa.gov)>  
Cc: Laura Belin <[laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com)>

Governor Reynolds told reporters last week that she would commit to having her staff fulfill public records requests in a timely manner. I submitted this request more than eight months ago and was not seeking a large volume of material. When can I expect your office to comply with Iowa Code Chapter 22?

Laura

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Wed, Oct 28, 2020 at 9:53 AM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

I submitted this request six months ago. When can I expect to receive the records?

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Wed, Aug 26, 2020 at 2:18 PM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Four months now. What is going on with records requests in your office? These records should not require any redaction. When can I expect to receive these records?

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Fri, Jul 31, 2020 at 1:56 PM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Three months have passed since I requested these records. What is the reason for the delay?

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 8:47 AM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Still waiting for these records. What is the holdup and when can I expect to receive them?

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Fri, Jun 26, 2020 at 4:52 PM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>, Garrett, Pat <[pat.garrett@iowa.gov](mailto:pat.garrett@iowa.gov)>, <[sam.langholz@iowa.gov](mailto:sam.langholz@iowa.gov)>, <[sara.craig@iowa.gov](mailto:sara.craig@iowa.gov)>

Hello all,

Two months have passed since I submitted this records request. Who is responsible for compiling and providing public records, as required under Iowa Code Chapter 22?

Laura

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Fri, Jun 12, 2020 at 11:09 AM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Michael, I requested these records in April. When will the governor's office produce them?

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Thu, Jun 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Michael, we are well outside a reasonable time frame for producing these records. What is the holdup?

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Tue, May 26, 2020 at 10:45 AM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Michael, I sent this request more than four weeks ago. When can I expect to receive the records?

Laura

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Mon, May 18, 2020 at 9:45 AM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Hello Michael,

I'm circling back again on this request. When can I expect to receive the records?

Laura

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>

Date: Tue, May 12, 2020 at 2:27 PM

Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers

To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Hello Michael,

When can I expect to receive these records?

Laura

From: **Boal, Michael** <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Date: Mon, May 4, 2020 at 2:11 PM

Subject: Re: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers

To: Laura Belin <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>

Cc: Sam Langholz <[sam.langholz@iowa.gov](mailto:sam.langholz@iowa.gov)>, Garrett, Pat <[pat.garrett@iowa.gov](mailto:pat.garrett@iowa.gov)>

Laura,

Our office has received this request. Thank you.

Michael

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On Mon, May 4, 2020 at 2:05 PM Laura Belin <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)> wrote:  
No one has acknowledged receipt of this request. The records should be easy to locate, and nothing should be subject to redaction.

If Michael Boal is no longer the right contact for public records requests, please let me know.

Laura

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Thu, Apr 30, 2020 at 1:44 PM  
Subject: Fwd: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Michael, I'm circling back on this because you never confirmed receipt of my request. It should not take long to locate these messages, and none of them should be subject to redaction, since they were created for distribution to members of the public working at meatpacking plants.

Thanks,

Laura

From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>  
Date: Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 8:10 AM  
Subject: records request: governor's messages to food processing workers  
To: Boal, Michael <[michael.boal@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.boal@iowa.gov)>

Dear Michael,

Under Iowa Code Chapter 22, I request the following public records:

1. Copies of any videos Governor Kim Reynolds recorded during March 2020 for distribution to food processing facilities in Iowa. I am referring to video messages in which the governor addressed employees of pork, beef, poultry, or egg processing plants, speaking about the essential work they were doing.

I am requesting copies of every such video featuring Governor Reynolds. To be clear: if similar versions were recorded (for instance, one for Tyson plants and another for JBS and another for Iowa Premium), I am requesting copies of each video, even if the scripts were nearly identical.

2. Copies of any letters or emails or other written communications from Governor Kim Reynolds to employees of food processing facilities in Iowa between March 15, 2020 and April 24, 2020. I recognize that the governor would not have been sending such messages directly to individual employees. I am referring to any written message that went out under Governor Reynolds' name that may have been sent to any pork, beef, poultry, or egg producing company, with the intention of distributing it to employees (either via internal email or posted in a break room).

I am aware of your office charging policy and request all responsive records to be provided in electronic format.

Yours,

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