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RE: Public records request under Iowa Code Chapter 22

Dear Mr. Boal:

I write in my role as a journalist and also as the executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council. The Council is a 45-year-old nonprofit organization that works to ensure citizen access to government information and to facilitate public accountability of government officials and employees.

The Council and I request copies of the following public records under Iowa Code Chapter 22. All of these records relate to the deployment of members of the Iowa State Patrol in Texas during May 2021, June 2021 or July 2021.

This letter is sent to you as a lawful custodian of the requested records or as the designated individual who handles Chapter 22 compliance. If I am mistaken, please forward a copy of this letter to the lawful custodian within your office. Then, please inform me that you have done this and please provide me the name and contact information for that lawful custodian so I can address any follow-up communications to that person(s).

These are the records for which we seek copies:

- (1) Any registrations or any documents the State of Iowa, the Iowa Department of Public Safety or the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management filed with



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the Texas Workforce Commission or any other agency in Texas in 2021 to authorize, permit or allow the Iowa State Patrol to have its employees working within the state of Texas, or documentation of any exemption the State of Iowa or any of its departments received from the Texas Workforce Commission's regulations, policies or applicable statutes.

(2) All written agreements or memorandums of understanding that were executed by representatives of the State of Iowa and representatives of the State of Texas covering the deployment of Iowa State Patrol members to work in Texas anytime from May through July 2021. This should include agreements or memorandums dealing with the legal authority of the Iowa officers while on duty in Texas, the scope of work these Iowa officers would perform in Texas, and all agreements or memos dealing with liability matters, indemnification, immunities, authority as sworn peace officers, concealed weapon authorizations, future court proceedings in Texas, or the allocation of expenses between Texas and Iowa.

(3) Each letter, memorandum or email relating to the deployment in Texas of any Iowa State Patrol officer or employee from May through July 2021 that was sent to, or received from, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, members of his staff, or representatives of the Texas Department of Public Safety, that are in the possession of any of the following: the Office of the Governor of the State of Iowa, Gov. Kim Reynolds, the governor's chief of staff Sara Craig, and any administrator or employee of the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Iowa Department of Public Safety, or the Iowa State Patrol.

Please provide copies of the responsive records, preferably in searchable PDF form, via email to [IowaFOICouncil@gmail.com](mailto:IowaFOICouncil@gmail.com). Please send the records as the documents are gathered and copied, rather than waiting until all of the documents being sought are compiled and copied.

If you choose not to release any of the records enumerated in this request, or if you redact portions of them, please notify me of those records or portions that are being withheld and please provide a general description of the withheld or redacted document, along with the specific Iowa Code section that you believe justifies keeping that record or portion thereof secret.

We understand that while we have a right to immediate access to public records and can obtain that immediate access by appearing at your offices during normal business hours, you may need a reasonable time to gather and email us the requested documents. If you anticipate that you will not be able to begin sending us the requested records within 14 calendar days of



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this request, we would appreciate the courtesy of an email from you telling us when you expect to begin and complete the production of the requested public records.

If you have questions about any aspect of this request, please call me at (515) 745-0041 or contact me via email at [IowaFOICouncil@gmail.com](mailto:IowaFOICouncil@gmail.com).

We thank you, in advance, for your assistance and for your open and accountable service to all Iowans.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

Randy Evans  
Executive Director

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