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Subject: Public Records Request -- Communication about Quebec grant

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Dear Pat Moulton (Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development), Dale Azaria (General Counsel for the Department of Housing and Community Development), and Darren Springer (Chief of Staff for Gov. Peter Shumlin):

Pursuant to Vermont's Public Records Act, I am requesting copies of written communication among Pat Moulton; Kirsten Bourgeois, an employee of the Agency of Commerce and Community and Development; and Tom Torti, president of the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce. The communication should fall into the following categories:

-- All written communication, including emails, in the months of April, May, June, and July 2015 between Moulton and Torti; Torti and Bourgeois; Bourgeois and Moulton; and among all three parties.

-- Emails at any time in 2015 which the parties discuss a \$100,000 proposed appropriation from the Legislature to the Lake Chamber for a Quebec marketing project;

-- Emails at any time in 2015 among those three parties that mention work space sharing between ACCD and the Lake Chamber, including among the two parties' employees;

-- Emails at any time in 2015 that specifically deal with research that Moulton, Bourgeois, or Torti did for the ACCD regarding regional development corporations' efforts in Quebec marketing.

Finally, I would like the following documents that other media organizations have requested:

-- The same records that were recently released to Watchdog.org's Bruce Parker (described [here](#) for your convenience);

-- Copies of similar records that Seven Days' Paul Heintz recently requested from the ACCD (described [here](#));

-- Copies of communication between Gov. Shumlin's senior staff and Torti between March 1 and present, as Heintz requested from Springer on July 7.

Because this request is in the public interest, and because much of it has already been furnished to other media organizations, I request that you waive any fees for filling it. If fees are assessed, please notify me before proceeding. If, after that conversation, fees are charged, please provide a detailed receipt explaining the purpose of each fee charged.

If some of this material will take longer to provide than other portions, please provide any segments of the requested information as soon as it is available. If this information is available in electronic format, please provide it in that manner. If any or all of the information can be provided by email, please do so.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this request. I would appreciate receiving those questions by today via email. I trust you will respond to my request for the records within the timeframe set out in the Public Records Act.

Should you deny access to any of the records I am requesting, please provide me with a list of those records (“Vaughn index”) indicating the specific exemption that applies to each record or portion of the record being withheld. If a record has a portion that is exempt from disclosure, the law [1 VSA 318 (e)] requires that only the exempt portion be redacted, and that a copy of the rest of the document be released, together with a notation of the specific exemption that applies to the portion withheld. In that event, please also indicate the name and title of the person responsible for the denial and, as the law requires, please inform me of the appeal procedures available to me, and the name of the person to whom appeal may be made.

I have cc'd my editor for record-keeping. Thank you for your assistance.

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