

From: [London, Sarah](#)
To: [Paul Heintz](#)
Subject: RE: Your request
Date: Monday, January 12, 2015 10:24:48 AM

Hi Paul, just letting you know that your message was received and I expect we will be in touch later today. Thanks,
Sarah

From: Paul Heintz [mailto:paul@sevendaysvt.com]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 9:43 AM
To: London, Sarah; Miller, Elizabeth; Coriell, Scott
Subject: Re: Your request

Hi Sarah,

This document does not fully respond to my public records request of 12/19/14. In addition to my request for communications between the governor and his senior health care staff, I also requested communications between the governor and his business advisory council. None of the latter were included.

Your response to the former is also wholly inadequate. When the governor announced his single-payer flip-flop in December, he pledged to waive executive privilege. I don't understand why he then invoked executive privilege in order to withhold "draft speeches and talking points, weekly reports submitted regularly by the Cabinet to the Governor, and certain policy communications from senior advisors to the Governor." Did he decide to flip-flop on that, too?

Please let me know by the end of the day whether the governor plans to stand by his word and provide all the relevant documents I requested. Because I made my request just before the holidays, I was willing to overlook your office's tardy responses to my request, but I'm not interested in letting this drag on forever.

I'll wait for your response before I appeal to Liz Miller.

Thanks,
Paul

p.s. Here's my original request, for your reference:

Hi Liz, Sarah and Scott,

I appreciated Gov. Shumlin's willingness to waive executive privilege in order for us to get a more accurate sense of when and why he decided to flip-flop on single-payer. Can you please provide me the following:

-All communications (including, but not limited to email, memos, mail, text messages and voicemails) between Gov. Shumlin and members of his Governors Business Advisory Council on Health Care Financing from Sept. 1, 2014 to today.

-All communications (including, but not limited to email, memos, mail, text messages and voicemails) between Gov. Shumlin and the following staff members relating in any way to health care, single-payer, Act 48 and the financing plan, from Sept. 1, 2014 to today: Elizabeth Miller, Jeb Spaulding, Lawrence Miller, Susan Allen, Scott Coriell, Robin Lunge, Michael Costa and Devon Green.

If the governor decides to flip-flop on this one, too, please ask him to give me a ring to explain.

Thanks,
Paul

On Thu, Jan 8, 2015 at 12:58 PM, London, Sarah <Sarah.London@state.vt.us> wrote:
Dear Paul,

Please find attached records in response to your public records act request. The attached represent correspondence involving the Governor and those listed below relating to health care, single-payer, Act 48, and the financing plan from January 1, 2014 to December 19, 2014.

Liz Miller, Jeb Spaulding, Lawrence Miller, Susan Allen, Scott Coriell, Robin Lunge, Michael Costa, Devon Green, and members of the Governor's Business Advisory Council.

The following types of records have been withheld as executive privileged communications pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(1) and (c)(4): draft speeches and talking points, weekly reports submitted regularly by the Cabinet to the Governor, and certain policy communications from senior advisors to the Governor.

As you know, Governor Shumlin has made clear his desire to provide public access to the calculations and modeling the Administration did for Green Mountain Care. At his request, the Office of Health Care Reform compiled this data and posted over 1000 pages of documents on December 30, 2014.

If you feel any records have been withheld in error, you may appeal to the Governor's Chief of Staff at Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us.

Thank you,
Sarah

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