

Office of the Governor

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Public Information Request

General Counsel Division

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Sent via: Electronic mail

December 29th, 2015

Re: Open Records Request

Office of the Texas Governor,

Under the Texas Public Information Act, §6252-17a et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to obtain copies of public records that the Office of the Texas Governor has in their possession. I am hereby requesting the following public records:

1. The "name" of all of the information that the Texas Governor's Office is requesting on Syrian refugees that are going to enter or have entered the State of Texas under the White House's plan on the resettlement of Syrian refugees into the United States of America
2. The name of the organizations, entities and governmental bodies that the Texas Governor's Office has requested information from in regards to the Syrian refugees that have entered or are planning on entering the State of Texas through the White House's plan on the resettlement of Syrian refugees into the United States of America
3. Information that the Office of the Texas Governor has collected and maintained regarding the Syrian refugees that have entered or that are planning on entering the State of Texas under the White House's plan on the resettlement of Syrian refugees into the United States of America
4. Letters that your office has sent to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in the year of 2015 regarding the Syrian refugees
5. Letters that the United States Department of Justice and the White House have sent in 2015 to the Texas Governor's Office regarding and pertaining to the Syrian refugees.

I would like to request a waiver of all fees associated with this request because the information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the way in which the State of Texas treats refugees, cooperates with the federal government's authority and et cetera. This issue has been on the news and is absolutely in the public's interest.

The Texas Public Information Act requires that you "**promptly produce**" the requested records unless, within 10 days, you have sought an Attorney General's Opinion. As provided by the Texas Public

Information Act, I will expect your response within ten (10) business days. Twenty (20) days if my request requires substantial programming or manipulation of data. **See Tex. Gov't Code Ann. Secs. 552.221(d) and 231(c).** If you expect a significant delay in responding to this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. You can reach me via email at: iscampaign@usa.com.

If you deny any or all of this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial and cite each specific statutory exemption(s) you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law. If your “**governmental body**” wants to seek the Texas Attorney General's Opinion regarding any of our request, I ask that you immediately notify me and then seek a formal decision from the Texas Attorney General not later than ten (10) calendar days from your receipt of this request, as required by the Texas Public Information Act. **See Sec. 552.301.** I would then ask your governmental body to release to me all of the items in which you have not sought the Attorney General's Opinion on. **See Sec. 552.301, 302; see also Open Records Decision No. 664 (2000)(if a governmental body concludes that no exceptions apply to the requested information, it must release the information as soon as possible).**

As you may already know that violation of the open records law can result in a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment of up to six months, or both. See Tex. Gov't Code Ann. Sec. 552.353(e). Litigation costs and reasonable attorney fees may also be assessed against you. See Sec. 552.323.

Please send all of the aforementioned requested information to:

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It would be preferred if you would send me the requested information by electronic mail to:
iscampaign@usa.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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