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Request for Records #3103

1 message

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To: "research@truethevote.org" <research@truethevote.org>

Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 6:28 AM

Dear Meg Denning,

The Department is unable to process this request.

Section 3(1) of the FOIA, MCL 15.233(1), requires a request to describe a public record sufficiently to enable the Department to find the record.

In addition, the Department is not required to make a compilation of information or perform research. There are multiple understandings of what is being requested and the phrase "communications with federal agencies... correspondence with county officials, election vendors, or other stakeholders...local election authorities..." that are reasonably known or unknown to the Department. This uncertainty prevents it from being able to conduct a search. The unreasonableness of this request is furthered by the fact that there are no specifically stated search terms or email addresses or State of Michigan Departments named.

You are welcome to refine your request to enable the Department to search for records by providing names of individuals to search, search terms, or by clarifying this request by replying to this email prior to COB on October 17, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherri Hines

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FOIA Coordinator

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Refined FOIA Request – Executive Order 14248 Records

1 message

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Mon, Oct 20, 2025 at 4:01 PM

Dear FOIA Coordinator,

Thank you for your reply dated October 15, 2025 regarding our public records request submitted under Michigan's Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.231 et seq.). Pursuant to your invitation to refine the request for clarity and to assist in locating responsive records, True the Vote hereby submits the following narrowed and specific request:

Revised Description of Records Sought

Please provide copies of all records, including but not limited to emails, memos, reports, directives, meeting notes, or correspondence created or received by the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, from March 25, 2025, through the present, that contain any of the following search terms in the subject line or body:

- "Executive Order 14248" or "14248"
- "Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections"
- "Election Assistance Commission" or "EAC"
- "Department of Justice" or "DOJ"
- "voter roll maintenance"
- "proof of citizenship"
- "mail ballot deadline"
- "absentee ballot receipt"
- "federal compliance"

Additionally, please include:

1. Communications between the Department of State and any of the following parties:
 - Michigan county clerks or local election officials,
 - Federal agencies (including the EAC or DOJ), or
 - Election vendors or contractors providing election-related services to the State of Michigan.
2. Internal communications or memoranda discussing Michigan's assessment, response, or planned response to Executive Order 14248 or related election integrity directives.

Legal Authority

This request is made pursuant to MCL 15.231 et seq. (Michigan FOIA). Additionally, we invoke the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA), which requires states to maintain accurate and transparent voter registration procedures. The requested records directly relate to the administration of elections and voter registration maintenance, activities subject to NVRA oversight, and thus fall under a federal transparency interest in addition to Michigan FOIA provisions.

Format & Delivery

Please provide responsive records in searchable electronic format (PDF preferred) via email to research@truethevote.org. If any portion of this request is denied, please provide the specific legal basis for each withholding and release any segregable portions as required under MCL 15.244(1). If there are fees associated with processing, please provide an itemized estimate before proceeding. We respectfully request acknowledgment within five (5) business days as provided by Michigan FOIA.

Sincerely,

Meg Denning
True the Vote Research Team



STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT NOTICE

October 27, 2025

Meg Denning
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Via Email: research@truethevote.org

Meg Denning:

The Michigan Department of State (Department) acknowledges receipt of your request for records emailed October 11, 2025 and amended on October 20, 2025, made pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 *et seq.* A request sent electronically is considered received on the business day following its transmission; here, [date +1 bus. day]. MCL 15.235(1). The Department has begun to process the request under the FOIA and issues this preliminary notice in response to your request, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein.

In order to determine whether the Department possesses existing, nonexempt public records responsive to your request, we are extending the time for responding to your request by 10 business days (in addition to the standard 5 business days allowed for a response), as permitted by FOIA, MCL 15.235. A notice will be issued to you on or before November 10, 2025.

Sincerely,

Sherri Hines

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