

# FREEDOM FROM RELIGION *foundation*

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**SENT VIA FAX AND U.S. MAIL:  
(202)619-8365**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Freedom of Information Act Office  
451 7th St., SW, Rm. 10139  
Washington, DC 20410-3000

Re: FOIA Request

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

I am writing on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) to request public records related to a recent week-long religious event at the Museum of the Bible, hosted by Capitol Ministries (the “Capitol Ministries Event”), at which Secretary Ben Carson reportedly attended and discussed weekly bible studies at the Wednesday morning panel.<sup>1</sup> Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552), I respectfully request a copy of the following records:

1. All records indicating expenses of any sort by the Department of Housing and Urban Development related to the Capitol Ministries Event, including but not limited to planning, transportation, and staff time;
2. The schedules of Secretary Carson, and any other Department of Housing and Urban Development employees who attended or was otherwise involved with the Capitol Ministries Event, covering December 2, 2019–December 13, 2019;
3. All emails since January 1, 2019, to or from Secretary Carson or any other employee of the Department of Housing and Urban Development who attended or was otherwise involved with the Capitol Ministries Event, that include the following search terms:
  - a. “Museum of the Bible”

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<sup>1</sup> See [capmin.org/you-have-been-called-to-this-rick-perry-tells-cm-ministry-leaders-from-across-the-globe/](http://capmin.org/you-have-been-called-to-this-rick-perry-tells-cm-ministry-leaders-from-across-the-globe/).

- b. "Capitol Ministries"
  - c. "Discipleship ministries"
  - d. "Bible Study"
  - e. "Ralph Drollinger"
  - f. "Randy Adams"
4. All emails since January 1, 2019, to or from Secretary Carson or any other employee of the Department of Housing and Urban Development who attended or was otherwise involved with the Capitol Ministries Event, that was to or from either Ralph Drollinger or Randy Adams; and
5. All other public records related to the Capitol Ministries Event.

If any of these records are available through electronic media (preferred), they may be e-mailed to [ryan@ffrf.org](mailto:ryan@ffrf.org). We appreciate your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan D. Jayne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "J".

Ryan D. Jayne  
Staff Attorney