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SENT BY MAIL AND EMAIL TO:
publicrecords@texasattorneygeneral.gov

Lauren Downey
Public Information Coordinator
Office of the Attorney General
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, TX 78711 2548

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Ms. Downey:

I am writing on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) to obtain public records. Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, I request a copy of all records possessed by the Office of the Attorney General, its employees, or its representatives (collectively "the Office") related to the Office's relationship and communications with First Liberty Institute, its employees, or its representatives (collectively "First Liberty"). For these purposes "First Liberty" includes but is not limited to Jeff Mateer and Hiram Sasser prior to their respective hiring dates with the Office, "the Office" includes Jeff Mateer and Hiram Sasser after their respective hiring dates with the Office, and "First Liberty" includes Hiram Sasser after the end of his term working for the Office. Specifically, I request the following:

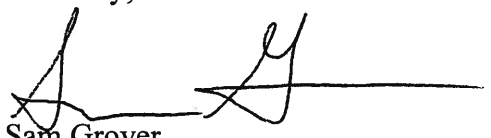
1. All communications (including but not limited to email) between the Office and First Liberty from 2015 to present;
2. All records (including but not limited to email) related to Montgomery County Justice of the Peace Wayne Mack's courtroom prayer practice;
3. All records (including but not limited to job postings and email communications) related to the search for a First Assistant Attorney General that culminated in the hiring of Jeff Mateer in or around March, 2016;
4. All records (including but not limited to job postings and email communications) related to the search for a Chief of Staff that culminated in the hiring of Hiram Sasser in or around April, 2016;
5. All records of payment made to Jeff Mateer or Hiram Sasser from 2016 to present;
and
6. All records related to the non-profit organization Project 75.

Because disclosure of this information is in the public interest, I request a waiver of all fees and charges pursuant to Section 552.267. In addition, per § 552.221(d), I request these copies as soon as possible, without delay. If you choose to deny the request, please respond in writing and state the statutory exception authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record and the

name and title or position of the person responsible for the denial. If your agency does not maintain these public records, please provide me the names and addresses of the proper custodians of these records.

If any of these records are available through electronic media, they may be e-mailed to sgrover@ffrf.org. If I can provide any clarification that will help expedite your attention to my request, please contact me at (608) 256-8900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Grover', written over a horizontal line.

Sam Grover
Staff Attorney