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SENT VIA MAIL & EMAIL TO:

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Scott Pruitt
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Oklahoma Attorney General's Office
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Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Re: Open Records Request

Dear Attorney General Pruitt:

I am writing on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) to request records relating to the distribution of religious literature and the teaching of bible classes in Oklahoma public schools. FFRF is a national nonprofit organization with over 22,500 members, including more than 150 in Oklahoma. We protect the constitutional separation between state and church.

For the purpose of this request, "Attorney General's Office" means Attorney General Pruitt and any and all staff and employees in the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General, "Oklahoma Public School Districts" means public school districts, public school district superintendents, public school boards, public schools, public school principals, and public school teachers, staff, and employees.

Pursuant to 51 Okla. St. § 24A.1-24A.5, we request a copy of the following records related to the distribution of bibles or any other religious materials in Oklahoma public schools since February 12, 2015:

- 1) Any records sent, received, or created by the Attorney General's Office related to the distribution of bibles or other religious materials and literature in Oklahoma public schools.
- 2) Any and all communications, including emails, between the Attorney General's Office and Oklahoma Public School Districts related to the distribution of bibles or any other religious materials or literature in Oklahoma public schools.
- 3) Any and all communications, including emails, between the Attorney General's Office and The Gideons International and any staff, employees, or representatives of The Gideons International related to the distribution of bibles or any other religious materials or literature in Oklahoma public schools.
- 4) Any and all communications, including emails, between the Attorney General's Office and state Representative George Faught and Jamison Faught related to the distribution of bibles or any other religious materials or literature in Oklahoma public schools.

Pursuant to 51 Okla. St. § 24A.1-24A.5, we request a copy of the following records related to the bible curriculum at Mustang Public Schools since November 1, 2013:

- 1) Any records sent, received, or created by the Attorney General's Office related to the creation of a bible curriculum at Mustang Public Schools.
- 2) Any and all communications, including emails, between the Attorney General's Office and Mustang Public Schools related the creation of a bible curriculum in the district.
- 3) Any and all communications, including emails, between the Attorney General's Office and the Green Scholars Initiative, David Green, Steve Green, Mart Green, Jerry Pattengale, and the Museum of the Bible.

If you do not maintain these public records, please forward this request to the proper custodian and let me know the name and address of the custodians of these records. If you choose to deny this request, please respond with a written explanation of the denial, including any references to applicable statutory exemptions relied upon.

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

Sincerely,



Andrew L. Seidel
Staff Attorney

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