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Dear Mr. Kyle:

This is in response to your correspondence, received on October 18, 2017, in which you requested copies of the following public records:

- All emails sent by Jana Champion to Attorney General Brad Schimel, Director of Communications Johnny Koremenos, DLES Administrator Tony Barthuly or Nicole Roehm
- All emails received by Jana Champion from Attorney General Brad Schimel, Director of Communications Johnny Koremenos, DLES Administrator Tony Barthuly or Nicole Roehm
- All emails sent by Nicole Roehm to Attorney General Brad Schimel, Director of Communications Johnny Koremenos, DLES Administrator Tony Barthuly or Jana Champion
- All emails received by Nicole Roehm from Attorney General Brad Schimel, Director of Communications Johnny Koremenos, DLES Administrator Tony Barthuly or Jana Champion

You specifically asked to limit the responsive records to emails sent or received from July 1, 2017 to the present. The Department of Justice (DOJ) construes your correspondence as a public records request pursuant to the Wisconsin Public Records Law, Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31 to 19.39.

A search based on the criteria above resulted in approximately 1,432 emails that would require review to identify any possible redactions prior to release. We appreciate your effort to narrow the request. However, we must deny your request as insufficient pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(h). This request is excessively burdensome and not reasonably limited as to subject matter and time. The public records law does not impose such heavy burdens on a record custodian that normal functioning of the office would be severely impaired, and does not require expenditure of excessive amounts of time and resources to respond to a public

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records request. *Schopper v. Gehring*, 210 Wis. 2d 208, 213, 565 N.W.2d 187 (Ct. App. 1997); *State ex rel. Gehl v. Connors*, 2007 WI App 238, ¶ 17, 306 Wis. 2d 247, 742 N.W.2d 530. If you wish to narrow your request by providing a subject matter or key words or narrowing the timeframe of your request, you may do so at any time. As I suggested previously, a subject matter or key words would enable us to run a more effective search in order to respond to your request efficiently.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(b), this determination is subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1) or upon application to a district attorney or the Attorney General.

Sincerely,



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