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Regards.  
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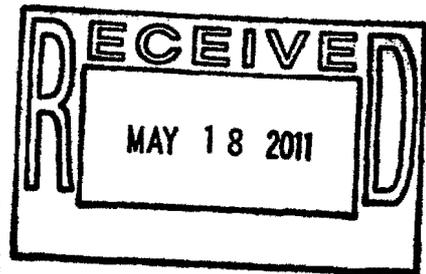
Freedom of Information Officer  
Room 408W, Whitten Bldg.

Washington DC 20250

May 6, 2011

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

To Whom It May Concern:



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I am requesting documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552 et seq. ("FOIA"), involving correspondence and other information requested by or provided to State Senator Jacob "Jake" Corman of Pennsylvania and/or Mr. Corman's representatives from November 3, 1998 to May 5, 2011.

Specifically, I am seeking all records, correspondence, communication between State Senator Jacob "Jake" Corman of Pennsylvania and/or Mr. Corman's representatives and the Department of Agriculture. This request also includes any documents referring or relating to Mr. Corman.

Please note that, for purposes of responding to this request "Mr. Corman's representatives" should be interpreted as any Harrisburg office or Pennsylvania district office(s) staff. This also includes any staff members, consultants or anyone identifying themselves as a representative of any of Mr. Corman's official offices or political and campaign committees including, but not limited to, "Friends of Jake Corman."

Furthermore, this request includes, but is not limited to, all memos, letters, e-mails, phone logs, meeting notes and notations of conversations. This request also includes reports, requests and other relevant material. Please note that, for purposes of responding to this request, the terms "records," "communications," and "referring or relating" should also be interpreted consistently with the attached Definitions of Terms.

This request also covers any correspondence and other information requested by Mr. Corman in his role as a private citizen. Corman may also be identified as variations of Jacob "Jake" Corman III or Jacob Doyle "Jake" Corman.

I also request that you state the specific legal and factual grounds for withholding any documents or portions of documents, should you withhold any. Please identify each document that falls within the scope of this request but is withheld from release.

This request includes any, and all, Department of Agriculture agencies, offices, departments and organizational components. If requested documents are located in, or originated in, another installation or bureau, I would request that you please refer this request or any relevant portion of this request to the appropriate installation or bureau.

To the extent that the information is available in electronic format, I would prefer to receive that information via email at public@padems.com or CD, particularly if providing the information electronically reduces the time or expense involved. Otherwise, I will expect to receive the information in paper form.

To help assess my status for copying and mailing fees, please note that I am gathering information for research purposes and not for commercial activities. I am willing to pay all reasonable costs incurred in locating and duplicating these materials. Please contact me prior to processing to approve any fees or charges incurred in excess of \$25.

Thank you for your cooperation with this request. I am willing to discuss ways to make this request more manageable to your office. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number above or on my direct line at (717) 920-8470 or at public@padems.com.

Thank you,

Gregory Kauffman

#### Definitions of Terms

1. The term "record" means any written, recorded, or graphic matter of any nature whatsoever, regardless of how recorded, and whether original or copy, including, but not limited to, the following: memoranda, reports, expense reports, books, manuals, instructions, financial reports, working papers, records, notes, letters, notices, confirmations, telegrams, receipts, appraisals, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, prospectuses, interoffice and intra-office communications, electronic mail (e-mail), contracts, cables, notations of any type of conversation, telephone call, meeting or other communication, bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, teletypes, invoices, transcripts, diaries, analyses, summaries, minutes, bills, accounts, estimates, projections, comparisons, messages, correspondence, press releases, press advisories, circulars, financial statements, reviews, opinions, offers, studies and investigations, questionnaires and surveys, and work sheets (and all drafts, preliminary versions, alterations, modifications, revisions, changes, and amendments of any of the foregoing, as well as any attachments or appendices thereto), and graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including without limitation, photographs, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotape, recordings and motion pictures), and electronic, mechanical, and electric records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, disks, and recordings) and other written, printed, typed, or other graphic or recorded matter of any kind or nature, however produced or reproduced, and whether preserved in writing, film, tape, disk, videotape or otherwise. A record bearing any notation not a part of the original text is to be considered a separate record. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate record within the meaning of this term.

2. The term "communication" means each manner or means of disclosure or exchange of information, regardless of means utilized, whether oral, electronic, by document or otherwise, and whether face-to-face, in a meeting, by telephone, mail, telexes, discussions, releases, personal delivery, e-mail or otherwise.

3. The terms "referring or relating," with respect to any given subject, means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, reflects, identifies, states, refers to, deals with or is in any manner whatsoever pertinent to that subject.



**Fw: FOIA Referral to All Agency FOIA Officers (request from Gregory Kauffman)**

Glendora Gilchrist to: FOIA Officer

05/18/2011 12:31 PM

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Subject: FOIA Referral to All Agency FOIA Officers (request from Gregory Kauffman)

Hello All,

This FOIA request (attached) from Gregory Kauffman asks for records from all USDA agencies on the listed subject matter. Some of you may have already seen the request; Mr. Kauffman apparently sent it to several, but not all, USDA component agencies. I spoke with the requester yesterday and he confirmed on the telephone as well as by email that he wants all USDA agencies to respond.

Regarding fees, the request says "I am willing to pay all reasonable costs incurred in locating and duplicating these materials. Please contact me prior to processing to approve any fees or charges incurred in excess of \$25."

However, in my telephone conversation with the requester yesterday, he indicated that he thought his organization was entitled to a fee waiver based on public interest. I consulted with the Office of General Counsel on this issue because I expect it to raise some questions. OGC advised us to adhere strictly to the fee and fee waiver guidelines in USDA FOIA regulations, at:

[http://www.dm.usda.gov/foia/FOIA\\_Fee\\_Schedule.pdf](http://www.dm.usda.gov/foia/FOIA_Fee_Schedule.pdf)

Specifically, please see the 6 criteria for fee waiver determinations in Section 6 of the above document. If any additional guidance regarding fees or specific fee waiver issues is required, please contact me and I will pass your questions on to OGC.

The Office of the Executive Secretariat conducted a search of its Electronic Correspondence Management Module (ECMM) system, based on the requester's parameters, and no responsive

documents were identified. Each agency should conduct a reasonable search which would probably be similar to the search that was conducted in OSEC. We recognize that many agencies have been impacted by changes in their budgets, and that broad-ranging FOIA requests may impose time and resource issues on agencies and staff. OGC has advised that agencies conduct reasonable searches for records. If you have any specific questions about what may constitute a reasonable search in the context of your specific agency or for a specific FOIA request, please contact me and I will pass your questions on to OGC.

Thanks for your cooperation, everyone.

Joe



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