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Via fax to: 202.514.0563  
Hard Copy Via U.S. Mail

**Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request**

Dear Ms. Farris:

I am hereby requesting copies of the following documents under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(2):

- (1) All documents that refer to, reflect, or mention communications received from an Advocacy Organization or that constitute documents received from an Advocacy Organization relating to federal preemption of tort law.
- (2) All documents that refer to, reflect, or mention communications received from an Advocacy Organization or that constitute documents received from an Advocacy Organization relating to any proposal, suggestion, or request for executive order to be issued by the President.
- (3) All documents reflecting any meeting, phone call, e-mail, letter, or other communication between any employee of the federal government and any person or entity outside the federal government regarding the issuance of the Presidential Memorandum titled "Preemption" that was published in the Federal Register at 74 Fed.Reg. 24693, or any draft thereof, or the subject matter of that Presidential Memorandum.

For purposes of these three requests, the term Advocacy Organization is meant to include any of the following organizations: (a) American Association of Justice, (b) Public Citizen, (c) Alliance for Justice, (d) Center for Progressive Reform, (e) U.S. Public Interest Research Group, (f) Progressive States Network, (g) Constitutional Accountability Center, and/or (g) Consumers Union. It also includes any official, employee or known agent of any such organization.

I am seeking all such documents that were created between January 20, 2009 and the present.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), please advise my counsel, whose contact information is listed below, within 20 days whether you will comply with this request and provide the documents.

I work for Americans for Limited Government, but am not seeking this information for any commercial use. Disclosure of such information is in the public interest as it would likely contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government. I therefore request that any fees associated with this request be waived in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), or at least be limited in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II). I would also request that if you deny the fee waiver, that I be notified in advance.

To the extent that you deny any part of this request, please cite specific exemptions to FOIA that you believe justifies your denial. In addition, for any documents withheld by the agency, please provide a description containing the information that would be required by *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974).

Please send the requested records to the following address:

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If you have any questions regarding these FOIA requests please contact Nathan Paul Mehrens at 703.383.0880.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

William Wilson  
President