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Honorable Jay Nixon
Governor, State of Missouri
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Dear Governor Nixon,

This is a request for records under the Missouri Sunshine Law, Chapter 610, Revised Statutes of Missouri. I am sending this request VIA FAX.

As has been publicly reported, there exists a video camera that captures all of the meetings in the Governor's large ceremonial office (the one I have heard you refer to as the "oval office."). I understand that this camera was installed at your direction late on the day before you took office as governor in January 2009. I also recall that you, when asked by the press about the camera, stated that the captured images of the camera are "public record."

Therefore, with this letter I am requesting to review all of the images that the video camera in the Governor's "oval office" has captured. This request covers all records from January 12, 2009 until today including any backup devices to capture the images.

To be clear, I do not want copies of all of the images captured by the camera but rather want to review the images and review any of the logs kept of those images. You have made the decision to install the camera and you have said you think that the images from this camera are public record so I am requesting a chance to look at them to see who you meet with and how you work.

In addition, I think that this request is serving the public interest. Because of this, I am asking you to waive all fees for me to review these public records especially because I am not asking to do so for any commercial endeavor but rather public interest.

I have heard that sometimes some public records will not be given when they are requested because they are legal or closed or somehow privileged. If that is true for any of the images in the "oval office", please give me a list of those records so I know that there are some portions that will be left out.

The best way to reach me is at the phone number above or by email by email. I would appreciate a phone call from you (or, I understand, a member your staff) within the three days that you have to respond to this request so that I do not have to wait for a letter if you mail it on the third day via the postal service. Thanks for this consideration.

Sincerely,



Josh Carter

Cc: Doug Crews for the Missouri Sunshine Coalition