

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

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By Electronic Mail: runako.kumbula-allsopp@dc.gov

Re: Certain Records pertaining to law firm bid, contract

Dear Ms. Allsopp:

On behalf of Energy Policy Advocates (EPA), recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit public policy institute under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and pursuant to the D.C. Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Code §§2-531-539, please provide copies of the following records pertaining to a contract relating to a July DATE, 2021 filing made by the Office before the Minnesota Supreme Court:

1. Any contract(s) entered into by the Office of the Attorney General (“the Office”) on behalf of itself or the District of Columbia with the law firm Greene Espel, PLLP, at any time from July 1, 2021 through the present;
2. Any invitations for bids, requests for proposals, notice of intent to award a sole source contract and/or notice of emergency procurement for or pertaining to the Office’s engagement of legal representation in the State of Minnesota in July 2021, which ultimately was awarded to the law firm Greene Espel, PLLP (§§ 5020, 5021, 5022 and 5024, respectively, of Chapter 50 of Title 27 (Contracts and Procurement) of the DC Municipal Regulations (DCMR)); and

3. Any correspondence sent to or from any email address ending with @greeneespel.com, dated from July 1, 2021 through July 7, 2021, inclusive, that was also sent to or from one or more of the following: i) Karl Racine, ii) Ashita Greenwood, iii) Loren AliKhan, iv) Caroline Van File, v) Samson Schatz, and/or vi) Harrison Stark.

We understand that in some instances a public body may charge a fee for the cost of the search, examination, review, copying, separation of confidential from nonconfidential information, and mailing costs. If your Office expects to seek a charge associated with the searching, copying or production of these records, please provide an estimate of anticipated costs.

As noted, EPA is a non-profit public policy organization dedicated to informing the public of developments in the area of energy and environmental issues and relationships between governmental and non-governmental entities as they relate to those issues. EPA's ability to obtain fee waivers is essential to this work. EPA intends to use any responsive information to continue its work highlighting the nexus between interested non-governmental entities and government agency decision-making. The public is both interested in and entitled to know how regulatory, policy and enforcement decisions are reached. EPA ensures the public is made aware of its work and findings via media, its website epadvocates.org, its partnership with the non-profit public interest group Government Accountability & Oversight, and GAO's ClimateLitigationWatch.org project dedicated to broadly disseminating energy and environmental policy news and

developments. The public information obtained by EPA have been relied upon by established media outlets, including the Washington Times and Wall Street Journal editorial page.¹

We look forward to your response. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email at the below address.

Sincerely,

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Energy Policy Advocates
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¹ See, e.g., Valerie Richardson, “Bloomberg’s bucks fund ‘liberal mercenaries’ in crusade against climate change,” Washington Times, February 15, 2020, <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/feb/15/bloombergs-bucks-fund-liberal-mercenaries-crusade-/>; Stuart Parker, “Conservative Group Says States’ Ozone Suit ‘Trojan Horse’ for GHG Limits,” Inside EPA, February 24, 2021; https://www.wsj.com/articles/bidens-backdoor-climate-plan-11616020338?mod=opinion_lead_pos1. See also, EPA In the News at <http://epadvocates.org/news/>.