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Subject: Illinois FOIA Request - HB 1312 / Public Act 104-0440

To the Freedom of Information Officer:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, the National Police Association (NPA), a 501c3 nonprofit, requests electronic copies of the following public records maintained by or under the control of the Office of the Governor.

****Time period:**** September 1, 2025 through the date this request is processed, except that item 1 may include earlier records if they concern the initial conception or drafting of the provisions ultimately enacted in HB 1312/Public Act 104-0440.

1. All communications, including emails, text messages, encrypted-message records, memoranda, meeting invitations, calendar entries, notes, draft language, redlines, talking points, and attachments, concerning the conception, drafting, amendment, passage, signing, implementation, defense, or intended enforcement of HB 1312 or Public Act 104-0440, specifically including:

- the Illinois Bivens Act and its private cause of action;
- anticipated or desired lawsuits against federal officers or agents;
- punitive damages and the statutory factors involving facial coverings, officer identification, badges, names or identification numbers, body cameras, vehicle plates, and crowd-control equipment;
- civil immigration arrests in or around courthouses and the 1,000-foot courthouse provision;
- statutory damages, attorney fees, qualified immunity, indemnification, removal to federal court, federal supremacy, intergovernmental immunity, preemption, or constitutional challenges; and
- anticipated enforcement policies, plaintiff recruitment, litigation assistance, evidentiary collection, referrals, or coordination with private attorneys or advocacy organizations.

2. Communications on those subjects between Governor Pritzker, his staff, counsel, or representatives and any of the following: Attorney General Kwame Raoul or Office of Attorney General personnel; Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch or House personnel; Senate President Don Harmon or Senate personnel; Senator Celina Villanueva; Representative Hoan Huynh; any sponsor, cosponsor, committee chair, caucus staff member, legislative counsel, or Legislative Reference Bureau employee; county or municipal officials; and any immigration, civil-rights, legal-aid, labor, philanthropic, or advocacy organization.

3. Records identifying every nongovernmental organization, attorney, lobbyist, donor representative, coalition, or advocate that proposed, drafted, reviewed, edited, endorsed, or advised upon any relevant provision, including meeting-participant lists and records sufficient to identify the date, attendees, and subject of each meeting.

4. Legal or policy analyses addressing whether the Act could expose federal officers to personal liability or punitive damages; affect officer safety or operational security; require disclosure of officer identity; discourage facial coverings; restrict courthouse arrests; conflict with federal law; or prompt litigation by or against the United States.

5. Communications concerning the federal lawsuit challenging Public Act 104-0440, including anticipated litigation before enactment, litigation strategy, defense costs, outside counsel, preservation instructions, public messaging, or potential settlement.

Please search official and personal accounts or devices used to conduct public business, including email, SMS/iMessage, Signal, WhatsApp, Microsoft Teams, Slack, and comparable platforms. "Communication" includes attachments and complete message threads.

Please produce records electronically, in native format where reasonably available, with associated metadata. If any portion is withheld, produce all reasonably segregable nonexempt material and provide a written denial identifying each withheld record or category, the specific statutory exemption asserted, and the detailed factual and legal basis for withholding. Please construe this as a request for records, not answers to questions.

This request is not for a commercial purpose. The NPA, an Educational/Advocacy organization, requests a waiver of fees because disclosure will contribute materially to public understanding of the development and intended enforcement of legislation affecting federal law-enforcement officers and the relationship between state and federal authority. Please advise before incurring fees exceeding \$25. Rolling production is requested.