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Sandra Callas
Office of Governor John Kasich
77 S. High Street, 30th Floor
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Dear Ms. Callas:

My name is Scott Peterson. I am the Executive Director of the Checks and Balances Project, a government and industry watchdog group. Recently, Governor Kasich signed Senate Bill 310, a bill that freezes the state's renewable energy standards. This bill puts 25,000 Ohio jobs and more than \$1 billion in energy savings at risk. A majority of Ohioans, major Ohio businesses and the state's leading newspapers all opposed the signing. Yet Governor Kasich signed the bill anyway.

Under the Ohio Open Records Law, §149.43 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records of conversations and/or emails pertaining to Senate Bill 310 between Governor Kasich, his staff and representatives of organizations that are known to receive financial support from Charles and David Koch, as well as their respective family foundations. This includes, but is not limited to the American Legislative Exchange Council and Americans for Prosperity. I also seek public records of conversations and/or emails pertaining to Senate Bill 310 between Governor Kasich, his staff and Ohio utilities: AES, American Electric Power, Duke Energy and First Energy.

I also seek public records of any and all meetings between the Governor, his staff and any representatives of the above parties in the past calendar year.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$100. However, I would also request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of why Governor Kasich signed Senate Bill 310.

This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

I request a prompt response to this request. If you expect a significant delay in responding to or in fulfilling this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Scott Peterson