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Melissa Leavens
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Dear Ms. Leavens:

Under the Ohio Open Records Law, §149.43 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that pertain to the deployment of 37 state troopers under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact to assist with security regarding protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota from on or approximately October 29, 2016 to on or approximately November 15, 2016.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$20. However, I would also like to 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 issues surrounding the role of police officers and the use of force, if any, in dealing with protesters at this site, as well as the implementation of the EMAC for purposes other than assistance during natural disasters.

I would prefer the records be provided to me in an electronic format, either through email, on a flash drive, or written on a CD. If the requested records cannot be provided in an electronic format, please inform me by e-mail the portions that can be e-mailed and advise me of the actual cost for reproducing the remainder of the records requested.

If the Ohio State Highway Patrol maintains a log of public records requests, I also request copies of that log, including all the records collected in that log, for the last five years.

I would 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,

Catherine Becker
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