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Via email at

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RE: File No. 16-R-122; Miscellaneous Petitions Filed Under Neb. Rev. Stat.

§ 84-712.03 of the Nebraska Public Records Statutes

Dear Mr. Oslzly:

We are writing in response to your fourteen emails received by this office on April 28, 2016, in which you allege that you have been denied access to public records by various officers of state or local government.<sup>1</sup> It appears from your correspondence that all of your underlying public records requests were made on September 9, 2013, with one exception, which was made on September 10, 2013. We note that each of your emails to us included the following language:

Due to the denial of access to needed court forms to file a speedy writ of mandamus for relief, I am now petitioning you to review this request per Nebraska Revised Statute 84-713.03(b). I will be following up with a demand that "..the Attorney General bring suit in the name of the State..." per 84-713.03 (b),ii.

According to your correspondence, your original public records requests were addressed to the following officials/agencies: (1) Ellen Fabian Brokofsky, Probation Administrator of the Nebraska State Probation Administration; (2) Sheryl Schmeckpeper, President of the Nebraska State Historical Society; (3) the Honorable Jon Bruning, Chief of the Nebraska Crime Commission; (4) Jon Bruning esq., Attorney General of the State of Nebraska; (5) Robert Lindemeier, Chair of the Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy; (6) Carlos Castillo, Director of Nebraska Administrative Services; (7) David A. Sankey, Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety; (8) Royce Jeffries, Chairperson of the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission; (9) Chris Beutler, Mayor of the City of Lincoln; (10) Larry Hudkins, Chair of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners; (11) Carlos Castillo, Director of Nebraska Administrative Services; (12) Shannon M. Anderson, State Risk Manager of the State Risk Division; (13) Ellen Fabian Brokofsky, Probation Administrator of the Nebraska State Probation Administration; (14) Jack Huck, President of Southeast Community College.

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- 1) <a href="https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/forms">https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/forms</a> Less than three months ago, the Nebraska Courts system provided the form I needed in 1999 to use the court system. I am still waiting on sample petitions.

  <a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20150814234635/https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/forms">https://web.archive.org/web/20150814234635/https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/forms</a>
- 2) This prevented my [sic] from obtaining records from my last blanket request.

We have construed your email correspondence to be petitions for access to records under the Nebraska Public Records Statutes, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-712 to 84-712.09 (2014) ("NPRS").

In October 2013, this office reviewed petitions which you filed under § 84-712.03 of the NPRS against the City of Lincoln, Nebraska State Court System, Nebraska Department of Corrections, Nebraska State Fire Marshal, and Nebraska State Historical Society. In our disposition letter to you, dated October 23, 2013, we concluded that those entities had not denied you access to public records and, accordingly, we closed our file. To the extent you seek review of matters already addressed by us in 2013, your requests are denied.

Additionally, any cause of action which you may have had with respect to any petitions not reviewed by our office in 2013 is barred by the statute of limitations set out in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-218 (2008).

Sincerely,

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