



May 7, 2021

Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
Attn: Office of Open Government
400 S Monroe St.
Suite 209
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Gov. DeSantis:

Pursuant to Article I, section 24 of the Florida Constitution, and chapter 119, F.S., on behalf of People For the American Way, I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of all records, including but not limited to emails, texts, and other forms of electronic communication, which relate to your signing of Senate Bill 90 on May 6 at an event at Club 45 in West Palm Beach from which all media—including The FLORIDA Channel, the state’s taxpayer-funded television channel of record—were excluded, with the sole exception of the Fox News Channel’s “Fox & Friends” program. This request includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) all communications between you or anyone working for you and Fox News or the “Fox & Friends” program relating to the signing;
- 2) all communications between you or anyone working for you and Club 45 or anyone working for Club 45 about the signing and who was allowed to attend;
- 3) all communications between you or anyone working for you and any member or staff of the Florida legislature relating to the signing ceremony;
- 4) all notes or internal communications to or from you or anyone working for you relating to the signing, including who would be permitted to attend, or any media entity that would be specifically barred
- 5) all communications between you or anyone working for you and/or Club 45 regarding any and all media requests for access to cover the signing event

I request a waiver of all fees for this request since the disclosure of the information I seek is not primarily in my commercial interest, and is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, making the disclosure a matter of public interest.

Should you deny my request, or any part of the request, please state in writing the basis for the denial, including the exact statutory citation authorizing the denial as required by s. 119.07(1)(d), F.S.

I or my representative will contact your office by Monday May 10 to discuss when I may expect fulfillment of my request. I will also fill out an online public records request form for your office’s convenience. If you have any questions in the interim, you may contact PFAW senior counsel Elliot Mincberg at emincberg@pfaw.org. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Adele M. Stan
Director of Research