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Robert L. Miller, General Council
FOIA Information Officer
Eastern Illinois University
600 Lincoln Ave.
Charleston IL 61920

Dear FOIA OFFICER,

This is a request for information pursuant to the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140 et seq). We are writing today to request a copy of any of the following:

(1) contracts entered into by the Eastern Illinois University for lobbying Illinois state government between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

(2) invoices or other billing statements summarizing the work performed or requesting payment submitted to the Eastern Illinois University for lobbying Illinois state government between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

(3) receipts or other financial statements showing payments made by the Eastern Illinois University for lobbying state government between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

Records on file with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office indicate that, in the recent past, the Eastern Illinois University has hired Government Affairs Specialists to lobby before the legislative and executive branches of Illinois government, though those records may be incomplete or inaccurate.

If any records or portion of records are withheld, please state the exemption on which you rely, the basis on which the exemption is invoked, and the address to which an appeal should be addressed.

Illinois' FOIA allows public bodies to charge a reasonable fee to cover the actual cost of making copies of this information. The Illinois Campaign for Political Reform is a non-profit under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, our use of this information will not serve any commercial interest and your replies will form the basis for a follow up to our annual report, last published in May, 2010, posted to our website and covered extensively in the media, thereby contributing to public understanding of the operations of government. For all these reasons, we ask for a waiver of copying fees in accordance with Section 6 of the FOIA. Should you deny our request to waive the copying fee, we ask that you contact us by phone if the fee for these documents will exceed \$15.00.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this request, we can be reached by phone at _____ We look forward to hearing from you within 5 business days.

Sincerely,



David Morrison
Deputy Director



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Policy Associate