State of Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Sheila E. Harsdorf, Secretary

May 10, 2018

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RE: Open Records Request #18-140

Dear Attorneys Heinzen and Kamp:

On behalf of the custodian of records for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection ("Department"), I am responding to your March 9, 2018, attached email request under the Wisconsin Public Records law.

Enclosed are the documents responsive to your request, totaling 746 pages.

Attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product have been withheld pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 19.35(1)(a), 804.01(2)(c), and 905.03. See George v. Record Custodian, 169 Wis. 2d 573, 485 N.W. 2d 460 (1992); and Seifert v. School District of Sheboygan Falls, 2007 WI App 207, 305 Wis. 2d 582, 740 N.W. 2d 177.

We have removed drafts and notes that fall outside the definition of "record" as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 19.32(2).

We are required to inform you that to the extent this amounts to a partial denial of a written request for records, it is subject to review by mandamus under § 19.37(1), Wis. Stats., or upon application to the Attorney General or a District Attorney.

Sincerely,

Paul Dedinsky

Chief Legal Counsel