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Via Email Transmission Only

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RE: APRA Response

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

On February 28, 2024, the Rhode Island Department of Corrections ("Department") received your request for records which is governed by the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act ("APRA"), R.I. Gen. Laws §38-2-1 *et seq.* You requested:

"the total number of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer requests submitted to your Department in the 2023 calendar year, broken down by month. The total number of ICE detainer requests that were honored by your department in the 2023 calendar year, broken down by month. The list of charges associated with the individuals subject to the aforementioned ICE detainer requests. Any identifying information of these individuals can be excluded."

We have now had an opportunity to review your request and, pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act §38-2-4, the Department may charge a retrieval fee of \$15.00 per hour, after the first hour spent retrieving, reviewing, and redacting the documents. We have received estimates that staff will need to invest approximately three (3) hours to aggregate and review the information and, thereafter, redact

individuals' personally identifiable information (3.0 hrs. – 1 hr. = 2.0 hrs. x \$15/hr. = \$30.00)¹. Accordingly, the total amount due to the Department to fulfill your APRA request is \$30.00. Please note that this is an estimate of costs and should the gathering and redaction of the documents take longer than estimated, you will receive a separate updated request for payment. If it takes less time than estimated, the Department will refund any overage.

You will need to submit a money order or certified check in the amount of **\$30.00 payable to the Rhode Island Department of Corrections**. That money order or certified check will then need to be sent to this office. Once this office receives the payment, we will finalize the processing of your request. Please note that pursuant to §38-2-7(b), the statutory time frame is tolled until receipt of the funds. Personal checks will not be accepted.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda D. Baum", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brenda D. Baum
Deputy Chief Legal Counsel

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¹ Please be advised that pre-payment of the costs does not guarantee that documents responsive to your request will be produced after the Department's search, retrieval, and review is completed. For example, the search may not lead to any responsive documents, or your request may encompass information that is exempt from disclosure under APRA.