**Public Records Request**

I write on behalf of the Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI), Washington, DC and request the following records involving the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ):

1. All staff communications and internal guidelines regarding its public records request fee waiver policy, from and including January 1, 2023 up to and including August 3, 2023.
2. All public records requests that were granted a fee waiver by the Oregon DOJ, from and including January 1, 2023 up to and including August 3, 2023.

IRLI, where I am the Investigations Manager, is a nonprofit organization and tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As such, IRLI meets the definition of a “person” entitled to request and inspect public records under the Oregon Public Records Law. See ORS 192.311 et seq.

ORS 192.324(5) provides that “[t]he custodian of a public record may furnish copies without charge or at a substantially reduced fee if the custodian determines that the waiver or reduction of fees is in the public interest because making the record available primarily benefits the general public.” Oregon courts have held that “notwithstanding the legislature's conferral of discretion on the public body, the public body's decision whether to grant or deny a fee waiver or reduction must be reasonable.” *In Def. of Animals v. Or. Health Scis. Univ.*, 199 Ore. App. 160, 190, 112 P.3d 336, 355 (2005).

IRLI requests all fees be waived because this request primarily benefits the general public, is in the public interest and does not serve a commercial purpose. No fee waiver could be more reasonable to grant as in the public interest than as to the question of whether fee waivers are themselves being granted in a disparate or otherwise unreasonable manner. If the total fees will exceedtwenty-five dollars ($25.00), please notify me via 202-742-1843 or [foia@irli.org](mailto:foia@irli.org).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jason Hopkins

Investigations Manager