



October 9, 2019

Mr. Ivey Brown
Chief Legal Affairs Officer
Blair Hall Room 125
601 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27110

Dear Mr. Brown:

Pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Act (N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 132-1 et seq.), the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) requests copies of any contracts, with any relevant amendments or addenda, signed and/or active as of June 1, 2019, between Winston-Salem State University, its Athletics department, and any other subdivisions thereof and The Coca-Cola Company, PepsiCo, Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Red Bull, Polar Beverages, and/or any other company offering rights to sell, market, promote, and/or advertise beverages on Winston-Salem State University campus.

CSPI also requests copies of any and all emails exchanged between employees of Winston-Salem State University and the employs of The Coca-Cola Company, PepsiCo, Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Red Bull, Polar Beverages, and/or other beverage company, in the past three years, relating to contracts with the companies and/or marketing of beverages or volume of beverage sales.

If this request is denied in whole or in part, we as that you cite in writing the specific provision of law upon which you have relied. CSPI anticipates “that the people may obtain copies ... and public information free or at minimal cost unless otherwise specifically provided by law.” N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 132-1(b). Please waive any costs associated with this request, or first inform us about such costs. CSPI is a nonprofit research, education, and advocacy organization that is concerned about the health and safety of consumers. CSPI may use this data to publish reports to educate the public or recommend policy alternatives.

The law requires you to respond “as promptly as possible” in providing copies of public records. N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 132-6(a). Please send copies of beverage contracts separate from copies of emails if the latter will take longer to produce, rather than waiting to produce all requested documents at one time.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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