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Dear Mr. Moss:

This letter is in response to your request under the State's Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq.

Request:

**Name, titles and salary history for Assemb. Herbert Conaway's staff for the last 5 years
Addresses of legislative staff in the last 5 years
Speaker authorizations for trips out of state
Reimbursements to Assemb. Conaway or his staff from government funds
Leadership money aka extra district office allocations for the last 5 years
Annual lease agreements for Assemb. Conaway district office for last 5 years
Committee and voting session attendance records for last 5 years**

Please see attached list with the names and salary history of Assemblyman Conaway's staff for the last 5 years. All district staff have the title of "Legislative Aide." The attendance records of Assemblyman Conaway are also attached.

The following is an annual breakdown of Assemblyman Conaway's additional district office allocation:

2019: \$10,000
2020: \$10,000
2021: \$10,000
2022: \$10,000
2023: \$10,000.

Your request for "addresses of legislative staff in the last 5 years" is denied because they are exempt from public access pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 states that "a public agency has a responsibility and an obligation to safeguard from public access a citizen's personal information with which it has been entrusted when disclosure thereof would violate the citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy."

Your request for "Speaker authorizations for trips out of state" is vague and overbroad in that it does not specify a date range. Additionally, any responsive records to this request are excluded

from the OPRA definition of “government record” and are therefore exempt from disclosure. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, “any memorandum, correspondence, notes, report or other communication prepared by, or for, the specific use of a member of the Legislature in the course of the member’s official duties” is not considered to be a government record for which disclosure can be compelled under OPRA. As such, this request is denied.

Kindly be advised that we do not have any records responsive to your request for “reimbursement from government funds.” Accordingly, your request for these records cannot be fulfilled. Also, the Assembly Democratic Office does not have any records responsive to your request for “annual lease agreements.” Consequently, your request for these records cannot be fulfilled.

Thank you for contacting this office.

Regards,
Nicole Brown