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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: Record Request Submitted January 14, 2025

Dear Mr. Bouvier:

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. and common law.

Request:

All comments from members of the public, during the Assembly Select Committee on Ballot Design hearings, voicing concerns that too many frivolous candidates would clutter the ballots as a result of ballot design changes.

OPRA provides that a custodian is not required to fulfill an OPRA request if they determine "... that the request would require research and the collection of information from the contents of government records and the creation of new government records setting forth that research and information." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g). Your request would require research and the collection of information from the testimony from the Assembly Select Committee on Ballot Design hearings. Therefore, this is not a valid OPRA request and is not required to be fulfilled.

Kindly note, however, that audio and/or video recordings of committee hearings are available for public research and access on the Legislature's website using the following link: <https://njleg.state.nj.us/archived-media>.

Our office reserves the right to raise any rights, privileges, immunities, or defenses available to this office or any member of the General Assembly under OPRA, any other statute, the common law, or the New Jersey Constitution.

Thank you for contacting this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole A. Brown".

Nicole A. Brown, Esq.
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