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## FOIA request from Judiciocracy LLC and COGS - Series 1c - December 8, 2025

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To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from Judiciocracy, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs.

We are not only writing on behalf of Judiciocracy LLC but also our affiliate organization the Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy. We are requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

- Pre-litigation settlements related to abuse, misconduct, discrimination, or harassment claims from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Settlement agreements resulting from litigation, including confidential settlements and releases of liability from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Demand letters, mediation summaries, or settlement negotiations from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Reports, spreadsheets, databases, or summaries showing uniform grievances and investigations conducted for the district by outside law firms, including the number of investigations, nature of allegations, and outcomes from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Claim files maintained by the district for incidents, including incident reports, witness statements, and investigative notes from January 1, 2020 to present;
- Documents related to Workers Compensation claims filed by district employees from January 1, 2020 to present.

As a member of the media, I am involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for me to fulfill my professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given my role in disseminating information, I believe I am eligible for a fee waiver as a media professional.

Please Note: The requestor is a member of The Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy, a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Missouri Corporation which assists news media companies, publications, and public advocacy groups investigate state and federal governmental agencies and leverages Freedom of Information and Sunshine Laws to pull back the curtain on government actions and help inform the American electorate. For more information, please visit <https://stopsecrecy.org/about/>

Please let us know if you have any questions not answered on COGS' website, or by contacting COGS' attorneys whose contact information can be found at FOIASolved.com (a division of LegalSolved LLC).

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