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Representative John Lawrence
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VIA EMAIL: (John Lawrence <Jlawrenc@pahousegop.com>)

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RE: Aging RTKL #7-021

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

On January 12, 2021, the open-records officer of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging (PDA) received your emailed Right to Know Law (RTKL) request for information. On February 24, 2021, we notified you that the PDA required an additional 30 days, until March 28, 2021, to respond to your request. PDA is responding to your request under the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101, et seq. (RTKL).

Your RTKL request asked for the following information:

“COMMUNICATION (including but not limited to emails, phone logs, letters, briefing documents, and/or transcripts) BETWEEN SECRETARY TORRES AND GOVERNOR WOLF REGARDING BRIGHTON REHABILITATION AND YVETTA'S CENTER IN BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BETWEEN THE DATES OF JANUARY 1, 2020 AND FEBRUARY 18, 2021.”

A copy of your RTKL request, received via email, has been attached.

Response:

Your request is denied for the following reason, the records requested do not exist.

We consulted with the executive staff and Secretary Robert Torres directly, and found there are no forms of communications between Secretary Torres and Governor Wolf regarding “BRIGHTON REHABILITATION AND WELLES CENTER IN BEAVER COUNTY” between JANUARY 1, 2020 AND FEBRUARY 18, 2021. As a result, the Department of Aging does not possess records responsive to your request.

Appeal Rights:

If you choose to interpret this response as a denial, or have specific reasons to believe that we have asserted non-possession in error, you may appeal to Erik Arneson, Executive Director, Office of Open Records (OOR), Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. If you choose to file an appeal, you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of this response and send to the OOR:

- 1) this response;
- 2) your request; and
- 3) the reason why you think the agency is wrong in its reasons for saying that the record is not public (a statement that addresses any ground stated by the agency for the denial). If the agency gave several reasons why the record is not public, state which ones you think were wrong.

Also, the OOR has an appeal form available on the OOR website at: <https://www.openrecords.pa.gov/Appeals/HowToFile.cfm>; you can also view a short instruction that details how to file a Right to Know appeal.

If you have any immediate questions or concerns with the decision made by the PDA, Agency Office of Open Records, please call Deborah Hargett-Robinson, PDA Assistant Legal Counsel, at (717) 783-1550.

Sincerely,



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Attachment(s)