

REQUEST
2020-179

Jake Pearson <Jake.Pearson@propublica.org>

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To:

• Dennis, Laura

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Good Afternoon Ms. Dennis –

I'm writing to inquire about the status of this request.

Happy to discuss by phone. I'm reachable at 303-250-0139.

Thanks,

Jake
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From: Jake Pearson

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 3:55 PM

To: Laura.Dennis@luzernecounty.org

Subject: Luzerne County Bureau of Elections - Open Records Request - ProPublica

Good Afternoon Ms. Dennis –

Under the state's open records law, I'm seeking the following:

- a. A list of any and all temporary workers hired by the Luzerne County Bureau of Elections from September 1, 2020, to September 30, 2020.

If possible, I ask that you provide any potentially responsive records electronically to my email, jake.pearson@propublica.org. If you've got any questions about this request, please feel free to call me at 303-250-0139.

I appreciate your assistance,

Jake



Right-To-Know Response Form

October 29, 2020

Jake Pearson
Via email only to: Jake.Pearson@propublica.org

RTK REQUEST #2020-179

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Thank you for writing to Luzerne County with your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know law ("RTKL").

Recently, the Luzerne County Office of Law received a request for documents from you described in the attached Right To Know request. Please note that your request is denied. The request that you have submitted is not discoverable pursuant to the RTKL Statute §708 (b) (17) A record of an agency relating to a noncriminal investigation, including:

- (i) Complaints submitted to an agency;
- (ii) Investigative materials, notes, correspondence and reports;
- (iii) A record that includes the identity of a confidential source, including individuals subject to the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169), known as the Whistleblower Law;
- (iv) A record that includes information made confidential by law;
- (vi) A record that, if disclosed, would do any of the following: (A) Reveal the institution, progress or result of an agency investigation, except the imposition of a fine or civil penalty, the suspension, modification or revocation of a license, permit, registration, certification or similar authorization issued by an agency or an executed settlement agreement unless the agreement is determined to be confidential by a court. (B) Deprive a person of the right to an impartial adjudication. (C) Constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. (D) Hinder an agency's ability to secure an administrative or civil sanction. (E) Endanger the life or physical safety of an individual.

You have a right to appeal this denial of information in writing to Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

If you choose to file an appeal, you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of the agency's response. Section 1101. If you have further questions, please contact Laura C. Dennis. Please be advised that this correspondence will serve to close this record with our office as permitted by law.

Respectfully,

Laura C. Dennis, Esq.
Luzerne County
Open Records Officer
200 North River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711