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January 15, 2018

Kyle Gibson
2118 Plum Grove Road #190
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Email: news@therecordinc.com
RE: RTK Request # 18-4

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Thank you for writing to Luzerne County with your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know law. My email is Jackie.Carroll@luzernecounty.org.

On January 9, 2018, the Luzerne County Office of Law received a request for documents from you described in the attached Right to Know request. Your request is granted.

Attached to this correspondence is the information you requested.

Had your request been denied, you would have a right to appeal this denial of information in writing to Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

If you choose to file an appeal for any reason, 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 me. Please be advised this correspondence will serve to close this request with our office as permitted by law.

Very truly yours,

JACQUELINE MUSTO CARROLL, ESQUIRE
Luzerne County – Open Records Officer
200 North River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

From: News TheRecordInc <news@therecordinc.com>
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 4:33 PM
To: Carroll, Jackie
Subject: FOIA Request | Penn Record | Fee Retainer Agreements - Opioid Litigation

Kyle Gibson
2118 Plum Grove Road #190, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
January 8, 2018
Jackie Carroll
Open Records Officer
Luzerne County Chamber
200 North River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

Dear Jackie Carroll,

Under the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law, 65 §66.1 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records of fee retainer agreements in pharmaceutical opioid litigation between Luzerne County and any and all firms for which a retainer has been agreed. I am requesting electronic copies (preferably non-PDF such as CSV, Excel, Txt, CDs, digital files, etc.) of the data requested.

Please inform me of any fees for searching or copying these records. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the opioid litigation, which is a matter of public health, safety and welfare. As a member of the news media, this information is sought to provide that important information to the public. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The Pennsylvania Right to Know Law requires a response time within five business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Kyle Gibson
224-202-6987