



September 2, 2026

Via Web Portal Only

Office of the New York Attorney General
FOIL Officer
The Capitol
Albany NY 12224-0341

Re: Request for emails regarding targeting of President Trump and Trump-affiliated organizations

Dear FOIL Officer,

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL"), N.Y. Pub. Off. Law §§ 84-90, the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ)¹ requests records regarding an email describing a policy to pursue investigations against individuals and organizations affiliated with President Donald Trump. According to media reports, "A prosecutor in the New York attorney general's office sent an agency-wide email to hundreds of colleagues Friday claiming that he had been instructed by his supervisor 'to find and pursue crimes committed by specific individuals and organizations affiliated with Donald Trump,' according to a copy of the email obtained by the Times Union."² A local New York ABC affiliate reported that "[t]he Attorney General's Office confirmed to NEWS10 that an email was sent out."³

For purposes of this Request, and unless otherwise indicated, the timeframe of records requested herein is January 1, 2026, through the date of receipt of this Request. All terms used herein have the definitions given by N.Y. Pub. Off. Law §§ 84-90, *et seq.*

The ACLJ requests the following records be provided via electronic means:

1. The email sent by Assistant Attorney General Daniel Wiesenfeld of the Investor Protection Bureau to bureau chief Shamiso Maswoswe on or about August 28, 2026 and mentioned in the news media cited above, even if the email is or has been deleted.

Conclusion

If this Request is denied in whole or in part, the ACLJ requests that, within the response time of five (5) days imposed by FOIL, the Attorney General support all denials by reference to specific

¹ The ACLJ is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the defense of constitutional liberties secured by law. The ACLJ regularly monitors governmental activity concerning abortion and works to inform the public of such affairs. The ACLJ and its global affiliated organizations are committed to ensuring governmental accountability and the ongoing viability of freedom and liberty in the United States and around the world.

² <https://www.timesunion.com/capitol/article/ny-prosecutor-claims-letitia-james-office-22409213.php>;

³ <https://www.news10.com/news/ny-capitol-news/ny-prosecutor-accuses-ag-james-office-of-targeting-trump/>.

FOIL exemptions and provide any statutorily or judicially required explanatory information.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform the ACLJ if the cost will exceed \$500. However, the ACLJ respectfully requests a waiver of all fees because the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest. The ACLJ will disseminate the records requested to the public via multiple media platforms and, as such, the records are requested for news gathering purposes. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this Request. Please furnish all applicable records and direct any responses to:

Jordan Sekulow, Executive Director
Benjamin P. Sisney, Senior Litigation Counsel
John A. Monaghan, Senior Litigation Counsel
American Center for Law and Justice



I affirm that the foregoing request and attached documentation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jordan Sekulow".

Jordan Sekulow
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Benjamin P. Sisney".

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Senior Litigation Counsel

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John A. Monaghan
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