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August 1, 2016

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Agency of Human Services
Vermont State Refugee Coordinator
Attn: Custodian of Records
208 Hurricane Lane, Suite 103
Williston, VT 05495

Re: Vermont Public Records Law Request

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Vermont Public Records Law 1 V.S.A. §§ 315-320., Judicial Watch, Inc. requests from the Vermont Agency of Human Services, State Refugee Coordinator access to and a copy of the following records within two (2) business days:

1. The abstract submitted by the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program (VRRP) and/or its parent organization, the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, to the U.S. State Department, for the provision of Reception and Placement services to refugees in or around Rutland, Vermont commencing in 2017.
2. Any and all records of communications sent to or from officials in the Office of the State Refugee Coordinator regarding the plans to resettle refugees in the Rutland, Vermont area under the VRRP proposal. The time frame for the requested communications is January 1, 2016 to the present.

A public record means any written or recorded information, regardless of physical form or characteristics, which is produced or acquired in the course of public agency business. Individual salaries and benefits of and salary schedules relating to elected or appointed officials and employees of public agencies shall not be exempt from public inspection and copying. 1 V.S.A. § 317(b).

If access to the public record is not granted immediately, you must provide us with a written notice setting forth the reasons for such extension and the date on which a determination is expected to be dispatched. 1 V.S.A. § 318(a)(5) If this request is denied you are required to provide a written statement of the grounds for such denial. 1 V.S.A. § 318(a)(2).

If any fee is to be charged for copying the requested records, please notify us in advance if the expected cost is likely to exceed \$350.00.

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If you do not understand this request or any portion thereof, or if you feel you require clarification, please contact us immediately at 202-646-5170 or bmarshall@judicialwatch.org. Judicial Watch looks forward to receiving the requested documents and a waiver of both search and duplication costs within two (2) days. Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William F. Marshall".

William F. Marshall
Judicial Watch, Inc.