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Via Electronic Mail Only

Dear Ms. Strebel,

I am writing in response to your request dated June 14, 2016, asking for the following:

All correspondence regarding the Supreme Court vacancy sent to govjudicialappointments@wisconsin.gov, starting April 1 of this year.

Per our conversation on July 5, 2016, I am sending you a preliminary release of all letters of recommendation sent to the Officer of the Governor between April 1, 2016 and June 14, 2016 for judicial applicants who applied for the vacancy created by Justice Prosser of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. This preliminary release consists of 257 pages of responsive records. Copies of these records are included with this letter in PDF format.

When reviewing the records, you will notice that some items are redacted. The Wisconsin Public Records Law requires certain redactions pursuant to particular statutory provisions.

Applying these standards, we redacted personal email addresses and personal phone numbers for state public officials, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.36(11). The Wisconsin Public Records Law mandates redaction of this information for state public officials, which includes judges and justices. Wis. Stat. § 19.36(11).

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(b), these determinations are subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1) or upon application to a district attorney or the Attorney General.

As noted above, this letter is only a preliminary response to your request. There will be a follow up response containing any additional responsive records at a later date.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Berry
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