



Tony Evers

Office of the Governor | State of Wisconsin

October 3, 2019

Via Electronic Mail Only

Hello Ms. St. Hilaire:

I am writing in response to your September 26, 2019 follow-up request for the following:

“(1) The Governor's emails (sent and received) from June 14, 2019, through June 20, 2019

(2) Maggie Gau's emails (sent and received) from June 14, 2019, through June 20, 2019”

For the same reasons articulated in our September 27, 2019 response to your September 18, 2019 request, your requests are being denied because they lack a subject matter. I have re-attached that denial letter for reference. For clarification, my previous response was sent to you before I was aware of your September 26, 2019 request.

“Email” is a format or medium which, depending on the content, can constitute a record. Emails, in turn, may concern any number of different subject matters, such as public records requests, expense reports, scheduling matters, and personnel issues.

Wisconsin public records law provides that any request for a record may be deemed insufficient for lacking “a reasonable limitation as to subject matter,” just as it may be deemed insufficient for lacking a length of time. Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(h).

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. Upon reflection, I see that this notification was not included in my September 27, 2019 correspondence. Please note that this same right applies to that denial as well.

Sincerely,
Erin Deeley
Assistant Legal Counsel