



December 17, 2019

U.S. Department of Labor
Office of the Solicitor
Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-2420
Washington, D.C. 20210

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

To Whom It May Concern:

On December 16, 2019 Bloomberg News published an article reporting that Corey R. Lewandowski's Washington-based lobbying firm, Turnberry Solutions, where he is a "senior adviser," was hired by Suffolk Administrative Services to lobby the Department of Labor. Lewandowski's firm sought support for a new health insurance plan that, according to the article, "threatens to further erode Obamacare," and would enable "insurers to gut an essential promise of the Affordable Care Act of making health coverage available without discrimination."

According to Bloomberg News and the health policy specialists they spoke to, the insurance plan that Lewandowski's firm was lobbying for was "notable because the companies [offering insurance] could choose whom they admit to the partnership, effectively allowing insurers to cherry-pick policyholders." A health policy specialist cited by Bloomberg said "it could affect millions."

To accomplish this, it was reported that stakeholders spent "almost \$400,000 on the influence campaign," with the majority of those funds going to Lewandowski's lobbying firm, according to Bloomberg News. The article reports that Lewandowski's Turnberry Solutions lobbied for an opinion letter from the Department of Labor to "reassure potential partners and state regulators of the plan's legality." To that end, Turnberry Solutions lobbyist Jason Osborne reportedly met with a senior Department of Labor official in early 2019, who said he would bring the request for an opinion letter to Secretary Acosta.

In light of this reporting, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records containing the following:

- Any and all correspondence between agency staff and Turnberry Solutions LLC employees, to include but not be limited to Corey R. Lewandowski, Jason Osborne, or Ryan O'Dwyer, from January 2018 to present;

- Any and all correspondence between agency staff and employees or individuals affiliated with Suffolk Administrative Services LLC, LP Management Services (aka "LPMS"), or Providence Insurance Partners, to include but not be limited to Arjan "Ari" Zieger or Alexander "Alex" Renfro, from January 2018 to present;
- Any and all internal agency correspondence or records pertaining to, or mentioning, Corey Lewandowski, Jason Osborne, Ryan O'Dwyer, Arjan "Aria" Zieger, or Alexander Renfro from January 2018 to present;
- Any and all internal agency correspondence or records pertaining to, or mentioning, Turnberry Solutions, Suffolk Administrative Services, LP Management Services (or LPMS), or Providence Insurance from January 2018 to present;
- Any and all records, such as any documents, internal memos, calendar events, legal opinions, data analyses, etc, specifically pertaining to LP Management Services and Suffolk Management Services proposal to create a data-sharing partnership that would allow those in such a network to pay premiums to buy into LP Management's health insurance, to include but not be limited to the requested "opinion letter" or early 2019 meeting with Turnberry Lobbyist Jason Osborne and a senior agency official.

If any information which is private or exempt appears on these records, I would ask that you release to me a redacted version of the records.

I also request that you state the specific legal and factual grounds for withholding any documents or portions of documents. And please identify each document that falls with scope of this request but is withheld from release. If requested documents are located in, or originated in, another installation or bureau, please refer this request or any relevant portion of this request to the appropriate installation or bureau.

To the extent that the information is available in electronic format, I would prefer to receive the information by email or PDF, or if necessary on computer disk or CD-ROM, particularly if providing the information reduces time or expense.

To help assess my status for copying and mailing fees, please note that I am a representative of a political organization gathering information for research purposes only, disclosure of this information is likely to be in the public interest and is not for commercial activities. I am willing to pay all reasonable costs incurred in locating and duplicating these materials. Please contact me prior to processing to approve any fees or charges incurred in excess of \$50.

Thank you for your cooperation with this request. I am willing to discuss ways to make this request more manageable to your office. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 603-225-6899 or email me at chairman@nhdp.org.

Thank you,



Raymond Buckley
Chair