



April 28, 2020

Mike DeWine, Governor  
Office of the Governor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Governor DeWine:

Pursuant to Ohio's open records laws, Revised Code § 149.43(B), the following is a formal request for public records in the possession of the Office of Governor Mike DeWine. None of our requests seek personally identifying information. We hereby request copies of the following records:

COVID-19 preparations & response

- 1) Any and all records containing recommendations, proposals, calculations, forecasts, plans, and procedures, currently in use and not in use, for accomplishing social distancing and otherwise mitigating COVID-19 spread in Ohio's prisons.
- 2) Any and all records containing recommendations, proposals, calculations, forecasts, plans, and procedures, currently in use and not in use, for reducing Ohio's prison population related to COVID-19 concerns, using ORC §2967.18, §2929.20, §2967.05, and §2967.19.
- 3) Any and all records containing recommendations, proposals, calculations, forecasts, plans, and procedures, currently in use and not in use, for reducing Ohio's prison population, related to COVID-19 concerns, using executive, legal or statutory methods and powers other than ORC §2967.18, §2929.20, §2967.05, and §2967.19.

Reentry

- 4) Any and all records containing information regarding the reentry of individuals released from Ohio prisons back into their community. To be clear, we do not seek individual reentry plans (which likely are not possessed by the governor's office). We are seeking information, whether sent or received, about broader plans, recommendations, proposals, calculations, and best practices, as well as, correspondence with state and local reentry groups, organizations, and professionals.

National Guard

- 5) Any and all records sent or received regarding the formal deployment of the Ohio National Guard in any Ohio prison and FCI Elkton.
  - a. We are specifically seeking documents describing the Ohio National Guard's specific duties, mandates, and restrictions (if any) on duties they perform in this Ohio prison context.

We are happy to accept these records on a rolling basis, as we recognize they fall into different categories. For the purposes of this request, "records" means any and all writings, documents, correspondences, papers, text files, computer files, emails, archives, journals, or logs.

Please send the requested records to American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, c/o Gary Daniels, Chief Lobbyist as electronic PDF copies to [gdaniels@acluohio.org](mailto:gdaniels@acluohio.org). If it is not possible to send electronic records, please let us know upon receipt of this request.

We look forward to receiving copies of these documents within two weeks of this request.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Gary Daniels