



THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE

January 6, 2025

VIA Electronic Mail and Postal Service

Champaign County Agricultural Society

Attention: Custodian of Records
384 Park Avenue
PO Box 38157 Urbana, OH 43078

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Custodian of Records:

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code § 149.43, The Buckeye Institute respectfully requests that you provide the public records outlined below.

For the purposes of these requests, “document” means any and all information in tangible form, of any nature whatsoever, including the originals and all non-identical copies thereof, in your possession, custody, or control, **including, as relevant, all letters, emails, correspondence, text messages**, contracts, drafts, agreements, notes to files, reports, memoranda, mechanical and electronic recordings, tapes, or transcripts, information stored in computers or other data storage or processing equipment translated or translatable into a usable form.

The terms “relate,” “relating,” or “relative to,” as used herein, shall mean referring to, relating to, embodying, connected with, commenting on, responding to, supporting, showing, describing, analyzing, discussing, reflecting, or constituting.

The term “Fairgrounds” shall mean the property, including open land and buildings, located at 384 Park Avenue, Urbana, Ohio, or any other areas commonly known as the Champaign County Fairgrounds.

Unless otherwise provided, for each request, please provide responsive documents from January 1, 2024, to the present.

Please provide copies of the following:

1. All documents of correspondence to and from Champaign County Agricultural Society Board of Directors members or officers, staff, or employees of the Champaign County Agricultural Society relating to the Champaign County *Fairground’s* firearms or weapons policies.

2. All documents of correspondence to and from Champaign County Agricultural Society Board of Directors members or officers, staff, or employees of the Champaign County Agricultural Society relating to the Champaign County *Fair's* firearms or weapons policies.
3. All documents relating to currently in-place firearms or weapons policies, including, but not limited to, all documents made or coming into the possession, custody, or control of the Champaign County Agricultural Society Board of Directors or its members, which relate to the existence or creation of any firearms or weapons policies.
4. All documents relating to actions taken by or on behalf of the Champaign County Agricultural Society to expel anyone from the Fairgrounds or prohibit anyone from entering the Fairgrounds based on the possession of one or more firearms.
5. All documents authorizing or permitting the sale or auctioning of firearms in or on the Fairgrounds property.

Please produce the records in electronic format to [REDACTED]. If you would prefer, a confidential Dropbox folder may be set up for you to upload the documents. Please advise if you would prefer to upload the documents to a Dropbox folder. If it is not possible to provide the records in electronic format and **if you anticipate that you will incur more than \$50 in copying or scanning expenses, please contact me before incurring these costs.** If you need to send hard copies, please send them to:

The Buckeye Institute
 Attn: Alex Certo
 88 East Broad Street, Suite 1300
 Columbus OH, 43215-3525

If you anticipate a delay longer than ten (10) days, please notify me when you expect the materials to be ready. Failure to promptly produce the requested records may result in legal action, including a request for attorney's fees and damages. *State ex rel. School Choice Ohio, Inc. v. Cincinnati Pub. School Dist.*, 147 Ohio St.3d 256, 2016-Ohio-5026, 63 N.E.3d 1183, ¶ 46. If you claim that certain documents are exempt, this is not a basis for failing to provide non-exempt responsive documents.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED]. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David C. Tryon

David C. Tryon
Director of Litigation
The Buckeye Institute
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