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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), the Better Government Association requests your government body's full payroll expenditures by individual for the year 2018, including salary and all additional payments. This request for total compensation includes, but is not limited to, the following information:

- Last name
- First name
- Middle name (or initial, if available)
- Suffix (e.g. Sr., Jr., III et al. if available)
- Title
- Department
- Annual Base Salary
- Overtime, holiday pay, bonus compensation and any other additional payments made to employees excluding costs such as insurance, pension or benefit payments
- Start date

Please include annual compensation for any and all elected officials as well. Do not include hourly rates of pay for employees unless it also accompanied by the total compensation for the year.

Please provide these records electronically in a spreadsheet or delimited text format (such as an Excel file, xlsx, xls, csv or txt file extensions). Please do not respond with paper, scanned/photocopied or pdf documents if at all avoidable. (Section 6(a) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act states: "When a person requests a copy of a record maintained in an electronic format, the public body shall furnish it in the electronic format specified by the requester, if feasible.")

Finally, please respond by replying directly to this email with the requested files attached.

The Better Government Association is a nonprofit, journalism organization based in Chicago. This is for a possible news story. As such, I ask that any fees be waived as law allows.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this request or seek clarification in any way. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in fulfilling this request as soon as possible. Your help is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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