

Open letter to Wyoming Secretary of State (and Republican candidate for State Treasurer) Joe Meyer

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Mr. Joe Meyer, Secretary of State
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In the interest of disclosing as much information as possible to Wyoming voters to allow them to make reasoned and informed decisions concerning for whom they should vote in the upcoming primary election (or, as Drake Hill, Chairman of the Wyoming Republican Party was quoted as saying: "We wouldn't be doing our job [as a media representative] if we did not gather the facts and put them before the voters."), and in keeping with the spirit of the public records request made of the Democratic governor Dave Freudenthal, I respectfully seek access to certain public records which may be in your possession. This request does not include your employment as Attorney General or other public positions you've held over the last 35 years, only during your tenure as Wyoming Secretary of State.

As the former Attorney General, you are aware of the statutes regarding access to public records but I will briefly refer to some of them: **W.S. 16-4-201.** (a)(v) defines public records. **W.S. 16-4-202.** (a) defines the right of access. **W.S. 16-4-204.** (a) allows the right of inspection without fee. In summary, as you well know, the Act that makes many, if not most, public records available to the public for inspection, falls within **W.S. 16-4-201** through **16-4-205.** If there are public records requested that you believe fall outside of my right to inspection, I ask that you advise me in writing as required by Wyoming statute. Specific requests follow and are numbered 1.) through 6.). Your prompt cooperation would be appreciated.

- 1.) All documents that identify trips taken by Secretary of State Joe Meyer and/or staff members on the state-owned airplanes, whether within Wyoming or interstate. List those passengers on the planes during such trips, the destination and stops enroute to the destination and on return, and the purpose of the trips.
- 2.) All documents that identify family members or social friends of Secretary of State Joe Meyer who are, or have been during his tenure, full-time or part-time, contract or otherwise, employed by the State of Wyoming, not only in the Secretary of State's office, but other offices and departments as well.
- 3.) All documents that name, refer to, or relate to Trent Blankenship in any manner, shape or form, that have Secretary of State Joe Meyer as sender, recipient, or copied for each such document.
- 4.) All documents that specifically relate to Secretary of State Joe Meyer's actions concerning the protection of State trademarks, copyrights, or other protection afforded state properties, including, but not limited, to any actions taken to protect the State's registered trademark of the bucking bronco, and the results of any such actions, including costs and disposition, taken by the State of Wyoming and/or the Secretary of State's office.
- 5.) All documents related to the Secretary of State's role in compliance with federal voting mandates, including costs, actions and progress to be in compliance at specified dates and whether the State will be in compliance as of the August, 2006 primary election and the November, 2006 general election.
- 6.) All documents related to sole-source contracts entered into by the Secretary of State's office while Joe Meyer has served as Secretary of State and why bids were not solicited on each sole-source contract awarded.

Thank you for your time and timely response.

/s/ Dave Featherly

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