



OFFICE OF THE
STATE AUDITOR

September 18, 2023

Cathy McKitrick
[REDACTED]

Dear Ms. McKitrick,

This letter is in response to your Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) request to the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) dated September 7, 2023 in which you requested the following records:

All written correspondence and documents related to ethics complaints filed by Eden resident James O'Brien since January 2022 to present.

I'd like to receive the information in electronic form by email, sent to catmckit@gmail.com. The information is intended for use in a news story.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [REDACTED]. Thank you for your time.

Your request is denied because the records have been classified as protected records pursuant to Utah Code § 67-3-1(17)(a)(i). The release of the records at this time would “disclose information relating to allegations of personal misconduct, gross mismanagement, or illegal activity of a past or present governmental employee if the information or allegation cannot be corroborated by the state auditor through other documents or evidence, and the records relating to the allegation are not relied upon by the state auditor in preparing a final audit report.”

Your request is also denied on the basis of 63G-2-305(10)(b), which states that records are protected if “reasonably could be expected to interfere with audits, disciplinary, or enforcement proceedings.”

Pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-2-401, you have the right to appeal the denial of this request to the chief administrative officer, John Dougall, Utah State Auditor. Your notice of appeal must be submitted within 30 days of the above denial date and must include your name, mailing address, daytime telephone number, and an explanation of the relief sought. You may also include any supporting information with your notice of appeal. Your appeal may be submitted at the address listed below.

Please be aware that all GRAMA requests are posted on our website as a matter of office practice (with personal information, such as address, redacted). We do this to provide transparency and accountability to the public at large.

Sincerely,

Mandy Teerlink, Records Officer
Office of the State Auditor