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State Records Committee:

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Re: University Medical Center Appeal

On 4-16-16 I sent a request for emails retained by UMC. On 5-3-16 I received a response from wherein I was told I was being denied a fee waiver and advance payment would be required. I appealed this denial to Mr. Gregory Thompson who responded on 5-20-16 and upheld the denial.

Utah Code §636-2-203(5)(a) states: "A governmental entity may not charge a fee for: reviewing a record to determine whether it is subject to disclosure." The primary classification for correspondence is "Public". While some information in those records is possibly a "Protected" or "Controlled" record, the University can't know that until they search for records. The amount of time spent reviewing those records is not my responsibility. At most, they could charge for the amount of time it takes to redact information I am not entitled to inspect.

Next, I am requesting records of which I'm the subject, my legal rights are directly affected and I'm impecunious. Therefore a fee waiver would be appropriate. I believe the University has unreasonably denied my fee waiver.

Respectfully,

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