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Ms. Gina Proctor
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RE: *APPEAL OF BYU DENIAL OF GRAMA REQUEST*

I. FACTS

May 16, 2019—I mailed a GRAMA request to the BYUPD seeking disclosure of a police interview audio recording of Joseph Bishop conducted pursuant to incident report 17BY05023. Additionally, I requested copies of any and all emails, documents, etc. related to the decision to redact the police reports regarding the same matter. A true and correct copy of this GRAMA request is attached hereto.

June 3, 2019—In an undated letter, but received by petitioner on June 3, 2019, BYUPD custodian of records Lt. Steven Messick sent petitioner a GRAMA Request Notice of Denial, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto.

June 3, 2019—Petitioner appealed the GRAMA Notice of Denial to BYUPD Chief Chris Autry, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto.

June 20, 2019—BYUPD Chief Chris Autry sent petitioner a notice of denial of the appeal, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto.

II. APPEAL

WHEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code 63G-2-403, Petitioner hereby timely appeals BYUPD Chief Autry's denial of GRAMA appeal to the Utah State Records Committee.

Petitioner's name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number are contained in the letterhead above.

III. SHORT STATEMENT OF FACTS, REASONS AND LEGAL AUTHORITY

The Utah State Legislature has now passed a law specifically subjecting BYUPD to GRAMA requirements.

The initial request in this matter was made *after* that law had gone into effect.

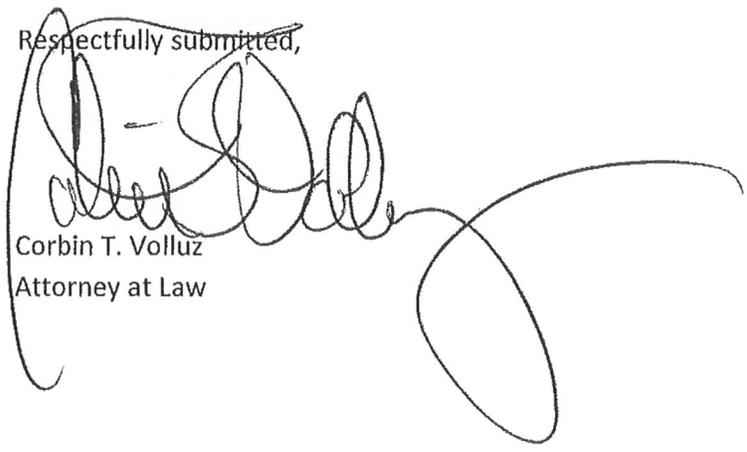
BYUPD, while acknowledging it is now subject to GRAMA, continues to refuse to abide by the requirements of GRAMA in derogation of the fundamental principles upon which GRAMA was enacted.

There is no reasonable and good faith basis for BYUPD to deny petitioner's GRAMA request in this matter.

It is evident BYUPD will continue to refuse to be transparent in its operations until the Utah State Records Committee orders them to be transparent, and probably not even then.

For all the above reasons, petitioner's appeal to the Utah State Records Committee in this matter should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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