

[Your Name]
[Street Address]
[City, ST ZIP Code]
[Phone]

[Date]



[Name of Custodian of Records]
[Title]
[Organization]
[Street Address]
[City, ST Zip Code]

Dear [Mr. / Mrs. Custodian of Records]:

Under the Montana Public Records Act § 2-6-1001 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public information that [Describe the records or information sought with enough detail for the public agency to respond. Be as specific as your knowledge of the available records will allow. But it is more important to describe the information you are requesting.]

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$_____.

However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of _____ [In this space, you can identify yourself as a representative of the news media/blogger (if applicable) and state that your request is related to news gathering purposes.] This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

If access to the information I am requesting will take longer than a 'reasonable amount of time', please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Phone number]