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Records Access Office
Communications, 15th floor
Office of the State Comptroller
110 State Street
Albany, NY 12236-0001

Re: Freedom of Information Law Request - Private Charter Flight Expenditures

Dear Records Access Officer:

Under the provisions of the New York Freedom of Information Law (Public Officers Law, Article 6, §84-90), I hereby request copies of the following records in the possession of the Office of the New York State Attorney General:

1. All contracts, agreements, purchase orders, and related procurement documentation between the Office of the New York State Attorney General and Venture Jets Inc. from November 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

2. All passenger manifests, flight plans, and travel authorizations related to the following six private charter flights provided by Venture Jets Inc. and paid for by the Office of the New York State Attorney General:

a. Flight on or about November 6, 2020 ($5,490.00)

b. Flight on or about August 10, 2021 ($7,015.45)

c. Flight on or about November 8, 2021 ($6,303.80)

d. Flight on or about November 8, 2021 ($6,942.35)

e. Flight on or about November 22, 2021 ($7,426.10)

f. Flight on or about December 13, 2021 ($8,630.10)

3. All travel justification forms, necessity documentation, or exemption authorizations that permitted the use of private charter flights instead of commercial transportation options for these trips.

4. Any and all payment records, invoices, and expense reports related to the aforementioned flights.

5. Any documentation showing competitive bidding processes, vendor selection criteria, or sole source justifications for the selection of Venture Jets Inc. as the charter service provider.

6. Any reimbursement records or documentation showing transfers of funds between the Office of the New York State Attorney General and any campaign committee associated with Attorney General Letitia James for any portion of these travel expenses.

7. Any internal communications, emails, or memoranda regarding the authorization, necessity, or approval of these private charter flights.

8. Internal policies or procedures governing the use of private charter transportation by the Office of the New York State Attorney General in effect during the relevant time period.

Please note that if any portions of the requested records are exempt from disclosure, I request that you provide all non-exempt portions as provided by law. In such cases, please explain the reason for the exemption and the statutory citation.

I am willing to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request up to $100.00. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first.

As provided for in the Freedom of Information Law, I expect a response to this request within five (5) business days of your receipt of this letter. If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you explain all denials by reference to specific exemptions under the law, and provide information on appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Sam E. Antar