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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

Civil Action No. _____

**New Jersey Second Amendment
Society, a not for profit corporation of
the State of New Jersey, et al.,**

Plaintiffs,

vs.

**Philip Murphy, Governor of the State
of New Jersey, et al.,**

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF ALEXANDER ROUBIAN

ALEXANDER ROUBIAN hereby certifies, verifies and declares as follows:

1. I am one of the named Plaintiffs in this matter.

2. I have read all of the factual allegations of this Verified Complaint and Jury Demand and have reviewed all exhibits attached thereto, and all factual allegations are true and all “Exhibits” attached are true copies of the originals.

3. I hereby supplement the and expand upon the factual information contained in the Verified Complaint and Jury Demand and attach hereto the following Exhibits which are true copies of the originals as follows:
 - “**Exhibit A**”: Copy of “2020 New Jersey Police Press Credentials CRITERIA” article found on Defendant New Jersey Press Association’s web page www.njpa.org which explains the standards and eligibility and application process to apply for “New Jersey Police Press Credentials”. (3 pages).
 - “**Exhibit B**”: Copy of standard “APPLICATION for 2020 New Jersey Police Press Credentials” found on Defendant New Jersey Press Association’s web page www.njpa.org . (3 pages)
 - “**Exhibit C**”: Copy of emails between me and Peg Arbitell, Business Manager of Defendant New Jersey Press Association from May 18, 21 and 23 of 2019 confirming denial of my application for New Jersey Police Credentials and confirming that there is no appeal procedure. (5 pages)
 - “**Exhibit D**”: Copy of April 4 & 5 2019 emails between me and Sargent Brian Murray, New Jersey State Police denying my request for an “Governors Office Press Pass” (2 pages).
 - “**Exhibit E**”: Copy of letter dated April 25, 2019 (emailed to me April 24, 2019) from the Office of the Governor formally responding to an Open Public Records Act request I had made (1 page) confirming that there are no written “... records of the policy or policies provided by the Governor’s office governing issuing of press passes” and therefore no appeal procedure (1 page).
 - “**Exhibit F**”: Copy of letter dated October 23, 2019 from the Office of the Governor formally responding to an Open Public Records Act request I had made (2 pages) attaching the list of names of the 61 persons as of that date who had been issued “Governor’s Office Press Pass” (1 page) and documents from recent applicants (24 pages).

4. As previously pointed out, I am the President of plaintiff New Jersey Second Amendment Society. In addition to such duties as President I am also a reporter and journalist for the news and information portion of the societies webpage found at www.nj2a.org . In such capacity I have for a long time routinely attended press conferences held by the current and past Governors of New Jersey notwithstanding being denied so-called “Press Credentials” or “Press Pass”.
5. I previously applied to Defendant New Jersey Press Association (“NJPA”) for so-called “New Jersey Police Press Credentials”. The New Jersey Police Press Credential program is administered by an NJPA on behalf of state entities and state actors the New Jersey State Police and the New Jersey Association of Police Chiefs. The stated sole purpose of these “Credentials” is to aid police officers and other emergency personnel at active police or fire scenes in identifying those who are professional news reporters and photographers having a claimed need and constitutional right for access to police and fire scenes in connection with their professional news gathering duties. NJPA (on behalf of the New Jersey State Police and New Jersey Association of Police Chiefs) makes clear and emphasizes that a New Jersey Police Press Credential is not required nor intended for use related to anyone covering municipal, county or state government meetings. Attached as “Exhibit A” is a printout from the NJPA website explaining the criteria and application process. Attached as “Exhibit B” is the standard form application (blank) for such credentials. I indeed applied for such credentials in May 2018 and that same month my request was arbitrarily denied by the NJPA with me simply being informally told that I “... *do not need them....*” because I “... *do not cover breaking news.*” This is simply not true as any issue involving Second Amendment Rights is routinely covered, often in real

time, by me or other representatives of the New Jersey Second Amendment Society. The NJPA never gave me any written specification of reasons for the denial, I was never given notice that I had a right to appeal the denial, and in fact there is no appeals process or forum to appeal the denial to. *See* “Exhibit C”.

6. At some point approximately one year ago in April 2019, I learned that Gov. Murphy and his office had implemented a policy whereby they would issue a new “Governor’s Office Press Pass”. I immediately “applied” through the New Jersey State Police as I was told to do (the process was informal) and was almost immediately rejected by the Governors Communication Office with them claiming that I do not represent a “media outlet” which of course is false and absurd. Again, there was no right to appeal, no written specification explaining the denial, and no forum to appeal to. When I complained to the state police where I originally applied I was advised by Sgt. Brian J. Murray by April 4, 2019 email as follows: *“Alex, I am just the middle man in this. This was the policy put in place when the Murphy administration took over. If you have any further questions contact the Governor’s Communication office and they can explain their policy in further detail”*. I responded the same day by email back to Sgt. Murray as follows: *“Hi Brian, I understand. Can you please send me a copy of the policy so that I can ensure that I comply with it?”* The next day, April 4, 2019, Sgt. Brian J Murray responded back to me as follows: *“Alex, As I wrote in the previous email. This policy was only passed down to me from the Gov.’s office as far as how press Ids will be handled. I don’t have any further information to provide you which is why I directed you to contact the Gov.’s*

office directly so they could possibly assist you further.” See “Exhibit D”. I thereafter attempted to contact the Governor’s Communications Office but they simply ignored me.

7. After being ignored, about a week later I filed a request with the Governor’s Office under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA) specifically demanding any and all records regarding the policy or policies provided by the Gov.’s office governing the issuance of press passes. By letter dated April 25, 2019 I was formally advised by the Governor’s Office in relevant part as follows: *“please be advised that no responsive records were located. To assist you, however, it is my understanding that press passes are only issued by our office to official media outlets.”* (Emphasis added). See “Exhibit E”. As there is no policy - written or otherwise - the actual “policy” and matter of determining what constitutes an “official media outlet” is strictly up to the subjective whims of the Governor’s Office who quite clearly summarily reject any media news and information outlet that disagrees with and does not favorably report on the Governor such as Plaintiff New Jersey Second Amendment Society, and by taking such action the Governor is essentially illegally and unconstitutionally silencing his critics.
8. Attached as “Exhibit F” is an October 23, 2019 response from the Governor’s Office responding to another request from me under New Jersey’s OPRA wherein I had requested a list of those who have been issued Governor’s Press Passes and a list of applications. Significantly, my application is missing and this confirms that Governor’s Office Press Passes have routinely been issued to media outlets equal to or much lesser insignificance and reader follow thing than Plaintiff New Jersey Second Amendment Society.

9. Notwithstanding my not having either of the two forms of “Press Credentials” issued by the state of New Jersey, I nevertheless routinely attended the Daily Governors and CTF public briefings without issue. However, once Plaintiff New Jersey Second Amendment Society sued the Governor in Federal Court over his failure to include Gun and Ammunition Stores on the list of “Essential Businesses”, within a few days thereafter and specifically beginning on March 28, 2020 I was barred entrance by two armed state troopers Defendants John Does 1-20 and specifically told that because I did not have “Press Credentials” (which I was clearly legally and constitutionally entitled to) that I would no longer be allowed the right or privilege to attend the daily briefings or any other briefings. Almost simultaneously there to my access through the Internet to the Governors Public Daily Schedule and schedule public appearances on the website portal was blocked. When I could not obtain access I confirmed that I was intentionally blocked and would no longer be given access. This information and the web portal are open to *anyone* who supplies their name and email address. No other information is needed and no request is made as to whether the applicant is *media*. All of the foregoing is in retaliation for reporting unfavorably about certain actions of the Governor and pursuing the Governor in Federal Court.

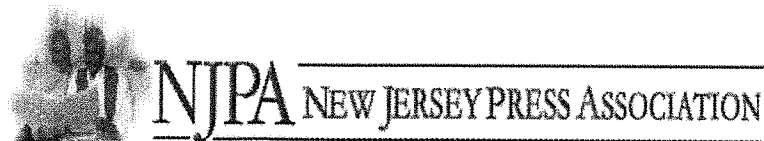
I DECLARE UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

EXECUTED THIS 27 DAY OF APRIL 2020.



ALEXANDER ROUBIAN

“Exhibit A”



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2020 New Jersey Police Press Credentials CRITERIA

To New Jersey Police Press Credential Applicants:

The New Jersey Police Press Credential program is administered by the New Jersey Press Association on behalf of the New Jersey State Police and the New Jersey Association of Police Chiefs.

Its purpose is to aid police officers and other emergency personnel in identifying professional news reporters and photographers having a need for access to police and fire scenes in connection with their professional duties.

Eligibility for credentials is limited to news organization employees having regular contact with New Jersey State Police, local police, fire and EMS personnel.

A New Jersey police credential is not required nor intended for use related to covering municipal, county or state government meetings. Nor is it for access to events, e.g. sports and entertainment. In such cases, an identification card issued by the employing news organization may be presented.

The 2020 application is attached (application.php). Please refer to the additional qualifying rules to help determine who is eligible.

It is imperative that the application be limited to those who cover breaking on-scene crime and fire news events. Prior receipt of a credential is not a factor in the evaluation of an application.

Peggy Arbitell, Business Manager ^{SEP}
New Jersey Press Association

Col. Patrick Callahan, Superintendent
New Jersey State Police

CRITERIA and APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Applicants must be employed by news organizations gathering and disseminating news of general interest on a regular schedule throughout the year.
2. Police press credentials are:
 1. NOT required to cover municipal, county or state government meetings or events
 2. NOT to be used for professional, college or high school sporting events
 3. NOT to be used for entertainment events
3. Applicants must be full-time news reporters or press photographers or freelance/independent contractors.
4. Applications for freelancers and independent contractors require:

1. Signature of the publisher or senior news editor of the sponsoring news organization
2. Copies of three (3) stories/photos published by the sponsoring news organization on whose behalf the application is submitted
5. First-time organizations applying for credentials must provide:
 1. If printed, three (3) consecutive issues of the publication
 2. If non-printed, a letter on company letterhead confirming the nature of the organization's news coverage, date established, and other information to help confirm the ongoing news reporting published by the organization.
6. Applications are submitted and credentials issued each year through September 30. Thereafter, application forms for the coming year are posted in October and are good through the end of that calendar year.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Cost for 2020 police press credentials:

Visor card or ID card \$9 each

ID and visor card set \$15 per set

Neck chain \$.50

List your employees in alphabetical order by last name and include their job titles. Incomplete applications and those submitted incorrectly will be returned.

Passport type headshot photos are required for first time applicants. If submitted previously, photos are not required.

Submit the headshot as a JPEG file uploaded as indicated on application form or attached to an e-mail to presscredentials@njpa.org or on CD. The file name MUST be the full name of the person. (Example: mary_smith.jpeg) The photo may be color (preferred) or grayscale.

Send other required documentation to:

New Jersey Press Association

Peggy Arbitell

P.O. Box 358

Titusville, NJ 08560


Application processing begins in October on a first-come, first-served basis. During the peak processing period (December to March), please expect up to four weeks for processing.

Please click here for press credential application (application.php)

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New Jersey Press Association (NJPA) is a non-profit membership association formed to advance the interests of newspapers and to increase awareness in the benefits of newspaper readership. The mission of NJPA is to help newspapers remain editorially strong, financially sound and free of outside influence. We will pursue these goals in every way possible, as a service both to our members and to the people of New Jersey.

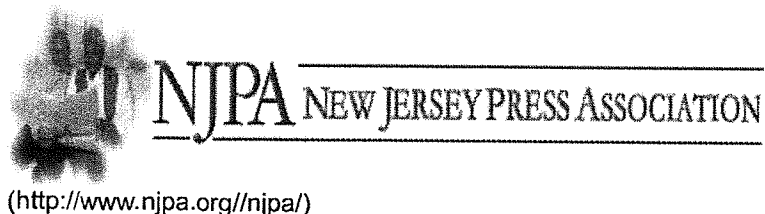
New Jersey Press Association

 P.O. Box 358

Titusville, NJ 08560

609-406-0600 / fax 609-406-0300

“Exhibit B”



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(<http://www.njpa.org/njpa/directions.html>)

APPLICATION for 2020 New Jersey Police Press Credentials

Please Read the See the criteria/procedures page (<index.html>) for application instructions.

* Required Field

- ☐ Check here if the publication/organization is a first-time applicant
- ☐ Check here if you have applied in the past
- ☐ Check here if applying as a freelancer. In the next line, include the contact information of the person who can confirm your eligibility.

I*

name

from*

organization

certify that the employees/freelancers below are eligible under the qualifying rules for New Jersey press credentials. See the criteria/procedures page (<index.html>)

Title

title

E-mail*

e-mail address

Phone*

phone number

Employees

[Click here for more than 20 Employees](#)

IMPORTANT

- Please list applicants in alphabetical order by last name
- Headshots are only required for first-time applicants
- Image files should be jpeg or png format and be named for the applicant.

Name

Job Title**Headshot** No file chosen**Visor****ID****Neckchain****Mail Credentials To****Name****E-mail****News Organization****Web Address****Mailing Address****City****State****Zip****Phone**

Fax

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New Jersey Press Association
P.O. Box 358
Titusville, NJ 08560
609-406-0600 / fax 609-406-0300

“Exhibit C”

From: Peg Arbitell parbitell@njpa.org
Subject: RE: NJ Press Credentials Form
Date: May 23, 2018 at 4:11 PM
To: Alexander P Roubian ARoubian@NJ2AS.com



Alexander – I understand your frustration when it comes to trying to gain access to political events, government meetings, etc. The individuals who are denying you access must not understand the purpose of the NJ police press credential, and should not be denying you access to cover such events.

When the program was initialized, it was on behalf of the state and local police to try and aide them when there is a crime scene or breaking news event that identify a full time reporter or photographer working for a **news organization** who was trying to gain access beyond the yellow police tape/line. Even at these types of situations, it is still the final decision of the police and EMT officials whether crossing that police/fire line would interfere with their investigation. The NJ Press Association along with the NJ State Police and NJ Police Chiefs Association many years ago created the criteria together to help aide in these types of situations. These are working guidelines, there aren't any statues. As stated before, these credentials are not meant to be used for political events, sporting events, government or town hall meetings, entertainment access, etc. In addition, your organization is a civil advocacy group with a targeted topic/audience and is not considered a **news organization covering news of a general nature**.

I would be happy to speak to those who are denying you such access if it happens again and explain to them what these credentials are to be used for and that if you presented them with your own company ID, that should be sufficient enough for them to allow you access to the type of government events you are trying to cover. If they still deny you access, unfortunately, that is something that you would have to work out with them directly.

You may also want to show them a copy of the criteria below if that helps.

CRITERIA

To New Jersey Police Press Credential Applicants:

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Eligibility for credentials is limited to news organization employees having regular contact with New Jersey State Police, local police, fire and EMS personnel.

A New Jersey police credential is not required nor intended for use related to covering municipal, county or state government meetings. Nor is it for access to events, e.g. sports and entertainment. In such cases, an identification card issued by the employing news organization may be presented.

The 2018 application is attached. Please refer to the additional qualifying rules to help determine who is eligible.

It is imperative that the application be limited to those who cover breaking on-scene crime and fire news events. Prior receipt of a credential is not a factor in the evaluation of an application.

CRITERIA and APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Applicants must be employed by **news organizations gathering and disseminating news of general interest** on a regular schedule throughout the year.
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6. Applications are submitted and credentials issued each year through September 30. Thereafter, application forms for the coming year are posted in October and are good through the end of that calendar year.

Peggy Arbitell
Business Manager

New Address:

New Jersey Press Association
850 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 102
West Trenton, NJ 08628
609-359-7381 (direct dial)
609-406-0600 ext. 14 (main)
parbitell@njpa.org
www.njpa.org

From: Alexander P Roubian [mailto:ARoubian@NJ2AS.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 12:44 PM
To: Peg Arbitell
Subject: Re: NJ Press Credentials Form

Dear Peg,

Thank you for your response. I was surprised and disappointed that my application was disapproved. I regularly cover important, newsworthy events and disseminate informative articles and other media to thousands of readers and viewers per week. I have personally broken several stories that became national news to include stories of police and local government misconduct. Smaller, non-traditional news outlets such as NJ2AS are an essential component of the press, especially today where we see biased reporting from so-called news agencies on both the right and the left of the political spectrum. Just because we are small, does not mean that we don't do important work. Our members and supporters trust us to tell them the truth, and we deliver. Of course, it is harder to get to the truth if you don't have access to the place where the news is occurring. Right or wrong, government officials seem to be under the impression that your press credential is required in some cases, so here I am, attempting to comply in good faith.

I believe that I meet or exceed the spirit of the requirements that are posted on your website, so I would ask that you please reconsider.

If you decide not to issue me 2018 New Jersey Police Press Credentials, could you please provide me the documents given to you by the New Jersey State Police that spell out the guidance so that I may read and better understand the requirements, who they came from and the source of the authority to provide such guidelines? If no such documents exists, could you please let me know which statute or provision of the Administrative Code guided you in the development of your criteria? Again, so I can read it and understand it better.

Best regards,
Alexander P. Roubian
President
(888) 718-0404 X801
NJ2AS.org
New Jersey Second Amendment Society

Please excuse any brevity, sent from my mobile phone

On May 21, 2018, at 9:37 AM, Peg Arbitell <parbitell@njpa.org> wrote:

Thank you for applying for 2018 New Jersey Police Press Credentials. I am writing to explain why your application for credentials has been denied. and

your payment refunded.

Applicants must be employed by **news organizations** gathering and disseminating news of general interest on a regular schedule throughout the year. According to the criteria for approval established by the New Jersey State Police, these police credentials are to be issued only to those whose responsibilities include reporting on breaking news. These credentials are intended to assist law enforcement in on-site management of crime, accident, or natural disaster scenes, etc.

Please note: For those needing journalistic identification for use at “non-police” events, e.g. political, sporting, community, festival, government, etc., news organizations are encouraged to issue a company-issued reporter photo I.D. card to their working, and/or free-lance, journalists.

We appreciate your interest and your understanding. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

From: NJ Press Credentials [<mailto:presscredentials@njpa.org>]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2018 5:31 PM
To: dana@infoforest.com; Peg Arbitell
Subject: NJ Press Credentials Form

2018 Press Credential Application

Payment Method: PayPal - PAID IN FULL
First-time applicant

I, Alexander Roubian, from New Jersey Second Amendment Society (NJ2AS) certify that the employees below are eligible under the qualifying rules for New Jersey press credentials.

Title: President
Email: ARoubian@NJ2AS.org
Email: 888-718-0404 X 801

EMPLOYEES

Name	Job Title	Visor ID
Alexander Roubian	President	1 1

COST

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
ID Cards & Visor Sets	1	\$14 each	\$14
Individual Visor Cards	0	\$8.50 each	\$0.00
Individual ID Cards	0	\$8.50 each	\$0.00
Neckchains	1	\$0.50 each	\$0.50
Total			\$14.50

MAIL CREDENTIALS TO:

Name: Alexander Roubian
 Email: ARoubian@NJ2AS.org
 News Organization: NJ2AS
 Web Address: www.NJ2AS.org
 Mailing Address: PO Box 96
 City: Hightstown
 State: NJ
 Zip: 08520
 Phone: 888-718-0404 X 801
 Fax:

<Alexander Roubian Headshot_1526678827.jpg>

“Exhibit D”

From: BRIAN MURRAY lpp6743@gw.njsp.org @
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Press credentials request: Alexander Roubian
Date: April 5, 2019 at 11:56 AM
To: ARoubian@NJ2AS.com



Alex,

As I wrote in the previous email. This policy was only passed down to me from the Governors office as far as how Press ID's will be handled. I don't have any further information to provide you which is why I directed you to contact the Governors Office Directly so they could possibly assist you further.

Sgt. Brian J. Murray #6743
New Jersey State Police
Office of State Governmental Security
Sector #3 Supervisor
State House ID Coordinator
(CCC) Main Office (609) 984-4222
Personal Desk Line (609) 984-4208
ID Office 225 W. State (609) 292-1387
ID Office Annex CR #3 (609) 847-3384

>>> Alexander P Roubian <ARoubian@NJ2AS.com> 04/04/19 6:22 PM >>>

Hi Brian,

I understand. Can you please send me a copy of the policy so that I can ensure that I comply with it?

Best regards,
Alexander P. Roubian
(888) 718-0404 X801
NJ2AS.org
New Jersey Second Amendment Society

Please excuse any brevity, sent from my mobile phone

On Apr 4, 2019, at 4:28 PM, BRIAN MURRAY <lpp6743@gw.njsp.org> wrote:

Alex,

I am just the middle man in this. This was the policy put in place when the Murphy Administration took over. If you have any further questions contact the Governors Communication office and they can explain their policy in further detail.

Thank you

Sgt. Brian J. Murray #6743
New Jersey State Police
Office of State Governmental Security
Sector #3 Supervisor
State House ID Coordinator
(CCC) Main Office (609) 984-4222
Personal Desk Line (609) 984-4208
ID Office 225 W. State (609) 292-1387
ID Office Annex CR #3 (609) 847-3384

>>> "aroubian@nj2as.com" <aroubian@nj2as.com> 04/04/19 3:48 PM >>>

Hello Brian,

Thank you for your response. Can you please direct me to the statute(s) or regulation(s) that governs the issuance of press credentials and other state house ID. I would appreciate a prompt response since I plan on attending the next event.

Best regards,
Alexander P. Roubian
NJ2AS
Producer/Correspondent
(888) 718-0404 X801
NJ2AS.org



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On Apr 4, 2019, at 9:31 AM, BRIAN MURRAY <lpp6743@gw.njsp.org> wrote:

Please see the below response from the Governors Office I received. Director of Communications for the Governor's Office Mahen Gunaratna did not approve the request.

Thank you

Sgt. Brian J. Murray #6743
New Jersey State Police

From: Office of State Governmental Security
Office of State Governmental Security
Sector #3 Supervisor
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ID Office 225 W. State (609) 292-1387
ID Office Annex CR #3 (609) 847-3384

>>> "O'Brien, MaryAnn" <MaryAnn.O'Brien@nj.gov> 04/04/19 8:57 AM >>>
Mahen said this is not a media outlet therefore he is not approving.

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From: BRIAN MURRAY <lpp6743@gw.njsp.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2019 7:50:25 AM
To: O'Brien, MaryAnn
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Press credentials request: Alexander Roubian

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“Exhibit E”

From: GOV Opra Custodian Opra.Custodian@nj.gov @
Subject: Response to OPRA Request No. W144673
Date: April 24, 2019 at 3:58 PM
To: Alexander@Alexander-Roubian.com

GC

Mr. Roubian:

Attached please find the response of the Office of the Governor to your OPRA Request No. W144673.



State of New Jersey
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
P.O. Box 001
TRENTON, NJ 08625-0001

PHILIP D. MURPHY
Governor

April 25, 2019

Via Email
Alexander Roubian
134K The Orchard
East Windsor, New Jersey 08512

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request W144673

Dear Mr. Roubian:

This letter constitutes the response of the Office of the Governor to the above-referenced OPRA request, which states:

I request the following under OPRA and common law right of access. Please send me the records of the policy or policies provided by the Governor's office governing the issuing of press passes. Please send these to me as a PDF file.

Please be advised that no responsive records were located. To assist you, however, it is my understanding that press passes are only issued by our Office to official media outlets.

Your OPRA request is hereby closed. This response does not waive or limit any other rights afforded this Office under OPRA, which are all expressly reserved. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this Office at (609) 777-2588.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Taylor".

Heather Taylor
Custodian of Government Records

“Exhibit F”



State of New Jersey

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
P.O. Box 001
TRENTON, NJ 08625-0001

PHILIP D. MURPHY
Governor

October 23, 2019

Via Email

Alexander Roubian
PO Box 96
Hightstown, New Jersey 08520

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request W151162

Dear Mr. Roubian:

This letter constitutes the response of the Office of the Governor to the above-referenced OPRA request, which states:

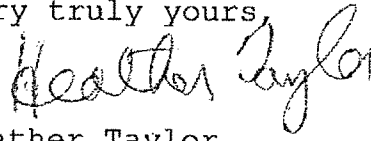
I request the following records under OPRA (the open public records act) as well as common law right of access. Please send to me via email, to the email address provided, in PDF or other common format, copies of the applications and/or letters of those who have applied for a press pass through the Governor's Office or through any other state authority where approval from the Governor's office was sought, between January 16, 2018 and October 7, 2019. Also, please provide in the same manner, the list of active press pass holders where the press pass was issued or approved by the Governor's Office.

Attached please find records responsive to your request. We redacted personal phone numbers, addresses and other information under OPRA. Please note that older press passes did not need to be renewed, so our Office does not have applications/letters for everyone on the press pass list.

Your OPRA request is hereby closed. This response does not waive or limit any other rights afforded this Office under OPRA, which are all expressly reserved. If you have any questions,

please do not hesitate to contact this Office at (609) 777-2588.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned directly below the typed name.

Heather Taylor
Custodian of Government Records

Enclosures

Current Press Pass Holders

<p> Andrews, Phillip S Appezzato, John T Arco, Matthew A Aron, Michael Balcerzak, Ashley N Barchenger, Stacey Biryukov, Nikita Catalini, Michael R Corasaniti, Nicholas Cruz, David Davis, Michael P De Avila, Joseph A Flanagan, Brenda Friedman, Matthew R Gaggis, Joanna Gregory, Phil Hernandez, Joseph M Hill, Michael Hoover, Amanda Hutchins, Ryan C Johnson, Brent D Khemiani, Anjalee R. Landergan, Katherine E Larger, Steven E Leopold, Sonoko A McAlpin, John P Medenecki, Jason W Munoz, Daniel Neall, Scott Neumann Jonathan I Nieto-Munoz, Sophie O'Brien, Richard A Obst, Mel O'Dea, Colleen T Parker, James W Phalon, Kevin J Racioppi, Dustin A Redtchits, Kateryna Reitmeyer, John A Rivera, Adam E Rosen, Matt C </p>	<p> Rouse, Karen R Schoonejongen, Cornelius J Scott, Eric Scurti, Joseph P Sherman Stacie Sherman, Ted H Sitrin, Carly J Smothers, Ronald E Smyth, Brendan J Sonn, Eugene H Steiner, Marc E Stile Jr., Charles A Sutton, Samuel J Symons, Michael Tamari, Jonathan J Tard-El, Alfred Tornquist, Cynthia L Vannozzi, Briana L Young, Elise Zdan, Alexander </p>
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Phil Andrews/Anchor Reporter
PMCM/WLPG TV
2 Paragon Way, Suite 800
Freehold, NJ 07728

Sgt. Brian Murray,

My colleague Kimberly Kravitz told me that you needed a Letter from me in order to request Press Credentials to cover the daily events at the State House for PMCM/WJLP TV.

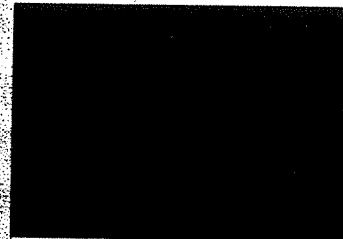
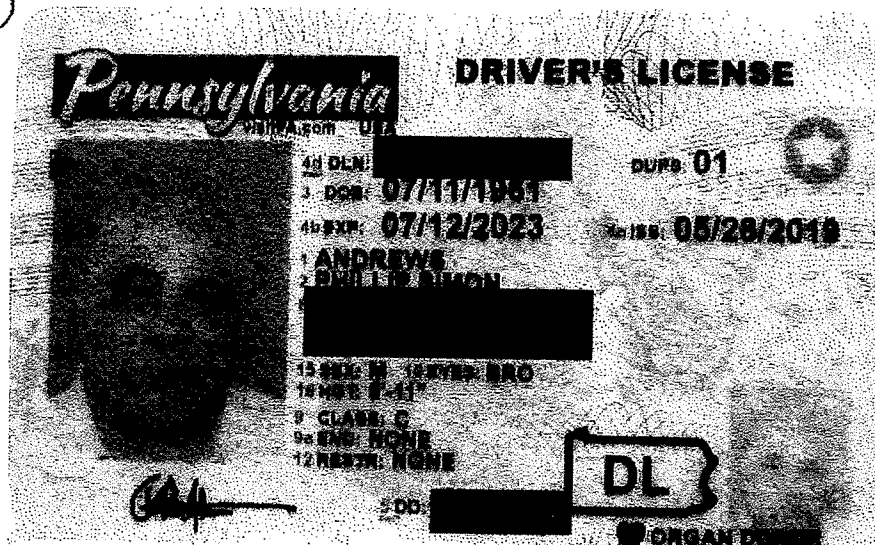
Please consider this letter a request to be included on the press list. I have also attached a Photo of my PA Driver's license in case you need to do a deeper background search.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to meeting you in person.

Regards

7/1/19
1:30-1:45P

Phil Andrews
215.435.2525



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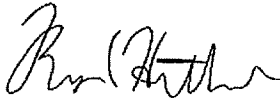
Aug. 29, 2019

To whom it may concern:

The letter is to inform you that John Appezzato a journalist with POLITICO New Jersey. He works in the State House Complex and will require off-hours entry to the buildings and parking garage, as well as access to the Senate and Assembly floors.

You can reach John directly at jappezzato@politico.com or by phone at (973) 204-2828. If you have any questions, please call me by phone at (518) 469-6007 or send an email to rhutchins@politico.com. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Ryan Hutchins
Bureau Chief
POLITICO New Jersey

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• 9/5/19
1:30pm

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To whom it may concern:

Ashley Balcerzak is a news reporter with northjersey.com and the USA TODAY NETWORK New Jersey.

Her assignments will include Statehouse events.

She will need press credentials that allow her access to the grounds and to the parking garage.

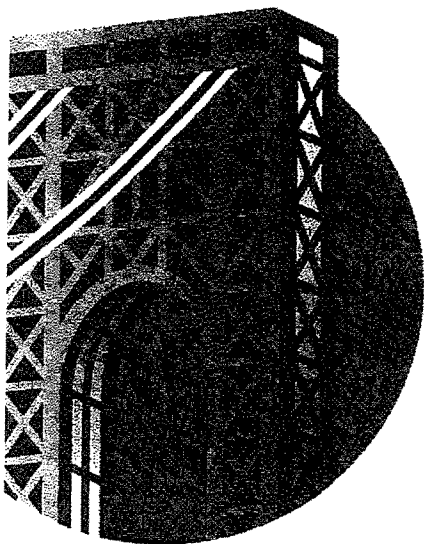
Ashely may be reached at 201-341-6501 or abalcerzak@gannett.com

Thank you,

John P. McAlpin
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mcalpin@northjersey.com

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To whom it may concern:

Stacey Barchenger is a news reporter with app.com and the USA TODAY NETWORK New Jersey.

Her assignments will include Statehouse events.

She will need press credentials that allow access to the grounds and to the parking garage.

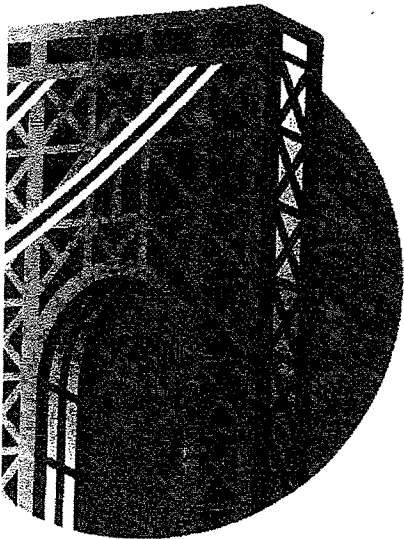
Stacey may be reached at 732-427-0114 or SBarchenger@gannettnj.com

Thank you,

John P. McAlpin
Statehouse Bureau Chief
northjersey.com USA TODAY NETWORK New Jersey

mcalpin@northjersey.com

609-658-2664



AP

Sgt. Murray, NJ State Police:

Michael Catalini is a full-time employee of The Associated Press. He is assigned to cover the statehouse in Trenton.

Michael can be reached at (609) 433-2946 and mcatalini@ap.org.

Thank you,

Larry Rosenthal
Pennsylvania/New Jersey Editor

The Associated Press

1835 Market St.

Philadelphia

(o) 215.561.1133

(c) [REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern:

Mike Davis is a news reporter with app.com and the USA TODAY NETWORK New Jersey.

His assignments will include Statehouse events.

He will need press credentials that allow access to the grounds and to the parking garage.

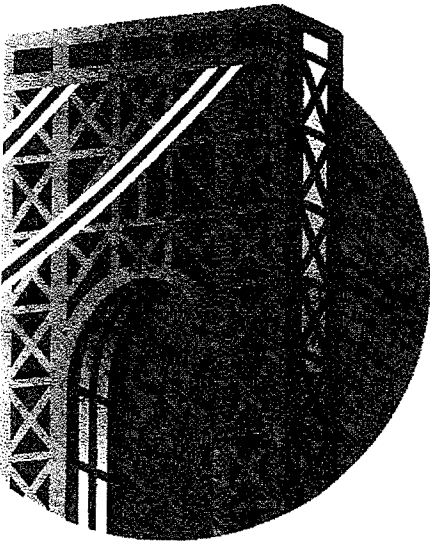
Mike may be reached at 732-856-1098 or MDavis@gannettnj.com

Thank you,

John P. McAlpin
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Thurs 11A
5/30

APPLICATION FOR PHOTO I.D. BADGE/SECURITY ACCESS CARD

TO: Division of State Police

FROM:

I hereby request the following for:

DE AVILA JOSEPH ANGEL
(Print) (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

An employee of:

Vehicle Information:

Position: WALL STREET JOURNAL Year _____ Make _____

Office/Unit/Section: APPROVED BY GOV'S OFFICE Model _____ Color _____

Employee's Office Phone #: _____ License Plate # _____ State _____

Group: Executive Permit # L- _____

Type: New _____ Replacement _____ Cancel _____ Effective Date _____

Access Card _____ ID Only ☒ Expiration Date _____

Authorizer Name (Print) _____

Authorizer Signature MARY ANN 7/10/6486 Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Home Address _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____

Date of Birth: _____

Relation to Employee _____

Phone # (____) _____

FOR SECURITY USE ONLY:

CARD # _____

ACCESS LEVEL _____

DATE _____

The undersigned has read and understands the following:

The cardholder is responsible for the security of the card. The card is NOT transferable. The cardholder shall immediately report the loss or theft of the card to the State Police at 984-4222 and or A \$10.00 fee will be charged for each replacement card.

Card Received: (Please sign **AFTER** you receive your card)

Employee's Signature
(Rev. 9/18)

Date

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

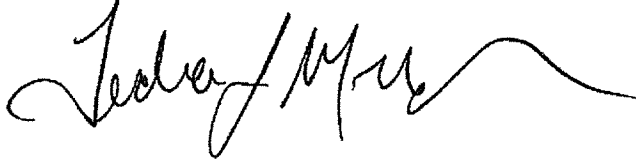
Tedra Meyer
U.S. News East Coast Editor
Tel: +1 212 416 3060
Email: tedra.meyer@wsj.com

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request a state house press badge for Joseph De Avila. Joseph is a member of my team and is responsible for covering New Jersey. He will need a statehouse press badge in order to fulfill his duties covering the state legislature and the governor's office.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions. Thank you for the help.

Sincerely,
Tedra Meyer
U.S. News East Coast Editor



Approved 2/5/19

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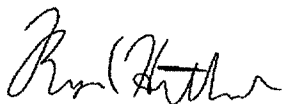
Aug. 29, 2019

To whom it may concern:

The letter is to inform you that Matt Friedman is a journalist with POLITICO New Jersey. He works in the State House Complex and will require off-hours entry to the buildings and parking garage, as well as access to the Senate and Assembly floors.

You can reach Matt directly at mfriedman@politico.com or by phone at 201-207-5987. If you have any questions, please call me by phone at (518) 469-6007 or send an email to rhutchins@politico.com. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Sincerely,


Ryan Hutchins
Bureau Chief
POLITICO New Jersey

9/5/19

1:30pm

POLITICO NEW JERSEY

15 W. Front Street, Suite 201
Trenton, NJ 08608

Aug. 29, 2019

To whom it may concern:

The letter is to inform you that Ryan Hutchins a journalist with POLITICO New Jersey. He works in the State House Complex and will require off-hours entry to the buildings and parking garage, as well as access to the Senate and Assembly floors.

You can reach Ryan directly at rhutchins@politico.com or by phone at (518) 469-6007. If you have any questions, please email me at agreilingkeane@politico.com. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Angela Greiling Keane

Angela Greiling Keane
Deputy Managing Editor, States
POLITICO

** In system*

9/5/19

1:30 P

POLITICO

cell#



Dear Sergeant Murray,

I'm the editor of POLITICO's New Jersey bureau and am writing to confirm that Katherine Landergan is a member of our team. She has worked for us since the fall of 2014, covering politics and policy news in New Jersey.

Please let me know if I can assist in any other way.

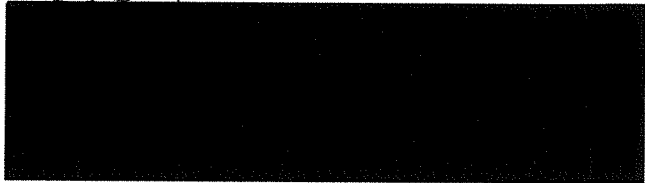
Sincerely,

John Appezzato, senior editor at POLITICO states

10 AM
6/21/19



cell



May 24th 2019

New Jersey State House
125 W State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

To Whom It May Concern,

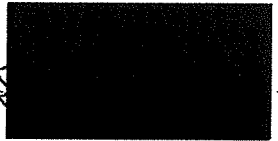
I am writing on behalf of Brenda Flanagan. Brenda is a Senior Correspondent for NJTV News, a PBS affiliate station.

Due to the nature of her position he frequently visits and works at the State House. For that reason we are requesting a State House issued ID.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Chloe Motisi
Production Manager
NJTV News
(973).233.8847



Done

6/21/19

11:30 A

6/21/19



June 26, 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

Steve Larger is a full time photojournalist with News 12 New Jersey, covering the State House and state government. Please grant him access to whatever access is afforded to press who frequently cover the legislature in Trenton.

Thank you,

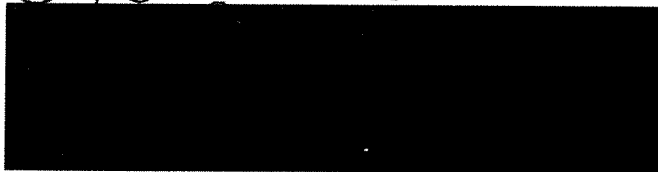
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Settle", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeremy Settle

News Director

News 12 New Jersey

Steve Larger



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P 973.569.7100
F 201.457.2520

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To whom it may concern:

John P. McAlpin is the Trenton Bureau Chief with northjersey.com and the USA TODAY NETWORK New Jersey.

His assignments include Statehouse events.

He will need press credentials that allow access to the grounds and to the parking garage.

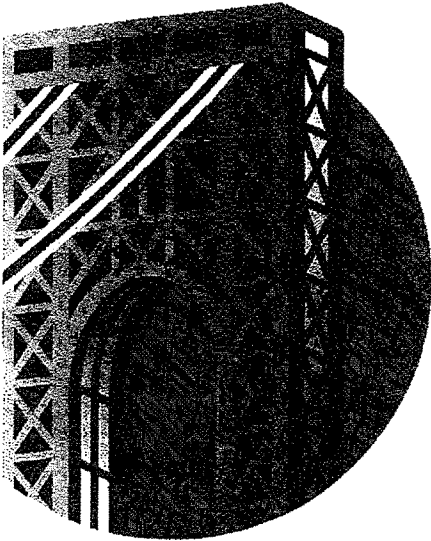
McAlpin may be reached at 609-658-2664 or mcAlpin@northjersey.com.

Thank you,

John P. McAlpin
Trenton Bureau Chief
northjersey.com USA TODAY NETWORK New Jersey

mcAlpin@northjersey.com

609-658-2664



9/4/19

1:30p

In System



June 5th 2019

New Jersey State House
125 W State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Matt Rosen. Matt is a staff Videographer and Editor for NJTV News, a PBS affiliate station.

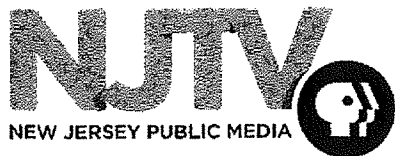
Due to the nature of his position he frequently visits and works at the State House. We are requesting a replacement State House issued ID.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chloe Motisi'.

Chloe Motisi
Production Manager
NJTV News
(973).233.8847



March 27th 2019

New Jersey State House
125 W State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Colleen O'Dea. Colleen is a staff Reporter for WNET Spotlight, an NJTV affiliate station.

Due to the nature of her position he frequently visits and works at the State House. For that reason we are requesting a State House issued ID.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Chloe Motisi".

Chloe Motisi
Production Manager
NJTV News
(973).233.8847



Approved



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330 Hudson Street,
4th Floor, New York,
NY 10013,
USA
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March 1, 2019

Lt. John Conners
Unit Head, New Jersey State Police,
State House Complex Security Unit,
125 W State St
Trenton, NJ 08608

Dear Lt. Conners,

I certify that Kathleen O'Donnell is a full-time reporter for Debtwire Municipals, an Acuris publication.

As you can ascertain from the publication name, we cover the municipal market.

Specifically, we cover the State of New Jersey. Legislative actions are an important component of our coverage of the state. It would significantly enhance our coverage being able to come inside the state house.

Signed,

Paul Greaves
Managing Editor
Debtwire Municipals
781-702-6252

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To whom it may concern:

Dustin Racioppi is a news reporter for northjersey.com and the USA TODAY NETWORK New Jersey.

His assignments include Statehouse events.

He will need press credentials that allow access to the grounds and to the parking garage.

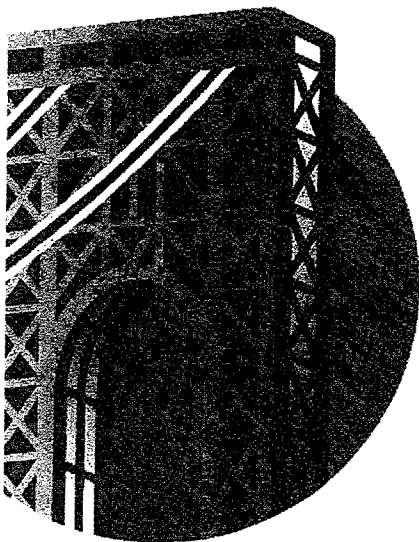
Racioppi may be reached at 732-513-7780 or racioppi@northjersey.com.

Thank you,

John P. McAlpin
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mcAlpin@northjersey.com

609-658-2664



9/4/19

1:30p

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To whom it may concern:

Charles Stile is the political columnist for northjersey.com and the USA TODAY NETWORK New Jersey.

His assignments include Statehouse events.

He will need press credentials that allow access to the grounds and to the parking garage.

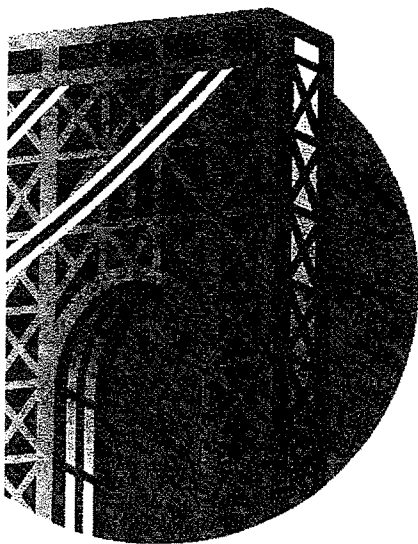
Stile may be reached at 201-543-3957 or stile@northjersey.com.

Thank you,

John P. McAlpin
Trenton Bureau Chief
northjersey.com USA TODAY NETWORK New Jersey

mcaldpin@northjersey.com

609-658-2664



9/14/19

1:30p



Sgt. Murray
LPP6743@gw.njsp.org
New Jersey State Police
N J State House

September 18, 2019

Dear Sgt. Murray,

I would like to renew State House Complex press credentials for myself, James W. Parker. We are called often called upon to conduct interviews or shoot news and public affairs footage at the State House by various news and information gathering organizations, as we have been doing so for the past 8-10 years.

Please let us know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. W. Parker".

James W. Parker
President

10/2/19

10 AM

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From: "Stacie Sherman (BLOOMBERG/ PRINCETON)"
<sbabula@bloomberg.net>
To: [REDACTED]@gw.njsp.org>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] State House Press ID Request

Thursday - August 1, 2019 12:16 PM

Hi Sergeant,

Would I be able to come at 8 or 8:30 tomorrow (Friday)?

If not I can come next Tuesday the 6th, or Wednesday the 7th, at 9 am?

Thanks,

Stacie Sherman

From: [REDACTED]@gw.njsp.org At: 08/01/19 09:09:22
To: Stacie Sherman (BLOOMBERG/ PRINCETON)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] State House Press ID Request

Stacie,

I will be in by 7:30am tomorrow(Friday). If you want to come in at 9am that is fine. Please confirm.

Sgt. Brian J. Murray #6743
New Jersey State Police
Office of State Governmental Security
Sector #3 Supervisor
State House ID Coordinator
(CCC) Main Office (609) 984-4222
Personal Desk Line (609) 984-4208
ID Office 225 W. State (609) 292-1387
ID Office Annex CR #3 (609) 847-3384

8/2/19

8:30 AM

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From: Ted Sherman <TSHERMAN@njadvancemedia.com>
To: BRIAN MURRAY [REDACTED]@gw.njsp.org>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: State House Press ID request

Thursday - March 14, 2019 9:07 AM

Ok
Let's aim for Tuesday at 10:30
Let me know if that's ok with you
Ted

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 14, 2019, at 9:02 AM, BRIAN MURRAY [REDACTED]@gw.njsp.org> wrote:

Ted,

I'm usually here 4 days a week. Next week I will be in on Monday and Tuesday then off until the following week. Typically we do Id's between 10-11am in the mornings and then anytime after 1p in the afternoon. Let me know what works for you and will schedule.

Thanks

Sgt. Brian J. Murray #6743
New Jersey State Police
Office of State Governmental Security
Sector #3 Supervisor
State House ID Coordinator
(CCC) Main Office (609) 984-4222
Personal Desk Line (609) 984-4208
ID CCC: 335-111-0111 / (609) 984-4208

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From: "Stacie Sherman (BLOOMBERG/ PRINCETON)"
<sbabula@bloomberg.net>
To: [REDACTED]@GW.NJSP.ORG>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] State House Press ID Request
Attachments: elisepressid.docx (25 KB) View

Tuesday - July 30, 2019 11:02 AM

July 30, 2019

Bloomberg

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this letter an application for a New Jersey State House Complex Press Badge for Elise Young. Elise is a journalist with Bloomberg News and covers the New Jersey governor and legislature. Elise needs access to the Statehouse in order to reach her office and do her job.

Elise's email is eyoung30@bloomberg.net and her phone is (646) 957-4941. She is cc'ed in this email.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Sincerely,

8/12/19 10:15A



June 26, 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

Alex Zdan is a full time reporter with News 12 New Jersey, covering the State House and state government. Please grant him access to whatever access is afforded to press who frequently cover the legislature in Trenton.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Settle".

Jeremy Settle

News Director

News 12 New Jersey

ALEX ZDAN



ALEXANDER.ZDAN@NEWS12.COM