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Subject: RE: Correspondence from the Right to Know Advisory Committee
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This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Good afternoon, Lindsay.

Following is the Department of Economic and Community Development's (DECD) response to the Right to Know Advisory Committee's survey request:

1. Please provide examples of the types of public records requests that your organization considers to be "burdensome" requests for public records.
DECD has no public records requests that have been considered "burdensome" requests.
2. Please provide examples of the types of public records requests or situations that your organization believes represent an abuse of the FOAA process.
DECD has no public records requests/situations that would represent an abuse of the FOAA process.
3. Do you have any recommendations for statutory changes to FOAA to address the examples described in questions 1 or 2? If so, please describe your recommendations.
DECD does not have any specific recommendations for statutory changes to FOAA at this time.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Correspondence from the Right to Know Advisory Committee

Dear State Agency FOAA Contacts,

I am following up on the Right to Know Advisory Committee's survey requesting information about public records requests that are burdensome or an abuse of the Freedom of Access Act process. If you have any questions about the survey or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me or my colleague, Colleen McCarthy Reid (Colleen.McCarthyReid@legislature.maine.gov). Thank you!

Sincerely,

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Dear State Agency FOAA Contacts,

On behalf of the Right to Know Advisory Committee, I am sharing the following correspondence:

1. A letter related to the statutory requirements for executive sessions pursuant to Title 1, section 405, subsection 4; and
2. A survey requesting information about public records requests that are burdensome or an abuse of the Freedom of Access Act process.

Please reach out to me or my colleague, Lindsay Laxon (Lindsay.laxon@legislature.maine.gov), if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your consideration, Colleen

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