June 17, 2015

Dear Mr. O’Connor:

The Illinois Tollway is in receipt of your FOIA request for “any documents or correspondence received by your agency since Nov. 5, 2014, from Nancy Kimme, Judith McAnarney, Matt Magalis, or other current or former representatives of the Office of the Comptroller or the Rauner Transition Team regarding hiring or other personnel or employment matters. If applicable, please include the time and date each message was sent, the dates, times and places of meetings and the names of those who attended.”

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3(g), your request is unduly burdensome as the burden on the agency outweighs any possible public interest in the information. However, I wish to extend to you the opportunity to contact me to discuss narrowing the request. This request contains a number of issues that make it unduly burdensome or impossible to verify that any potential response is complete or accurate. Namely, the request lacks any guidance on who is or was a “current or former representative of the Office of the Comptroller” and who is or was a member of the Rauner Transition Team and would require this agency to determine who is or was an employee of this agency who might have corresponded with them. Please narrow your request by seeking correspondence of specific staff members at this agency, specific named members of both the Office of the Comptroller and the Rauner Transition Team. As it stands now, your request would require a search of all electronic and written communications by over a thousand employees and then reviewing each piece to determine whether it meets a statutory exemption.

Respectfully,

Joelle McGinnis
Freedom of Information Officer