December 8, 2011

Sen. Scott Fitzgerald
Room 211 South
State Capitol
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Re: Open Records Request, Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31-19.39

Sen. Fitzgerald -

Pursuant to the state open records law, Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31-19.39, I request access to and a copy of all records containing the words “American Legislative Exchange Council” and/or “ALEC,” including but not limited to correspondence, emails sent and received, memoranda, informational materials, agendas, financial records (including receipts and expense reports), and other records, for the period October 1, 2010 through December 1, 2011. I also request copies of all correspondence sent and received between your office and Amy Boyer, and between your office and Bryon Wornson, for the same period.

Please produce copies of the records in the most expedient and cost-effective manner possible. If electronic copies on a CD or by email can be produced at a lower cost than paper copies, please provide the copies in such an electronic format.

Please also be aware that the Open Records law “shall be construed in every instance with the presumption of complete public access consistent with the conduct of governmental business. The denial of access generally is contrary to the public interest and only in exceptional cases can access be denied.” If you deny this request, or any part of this request, the law requires you to do so in writing and state what part of the law you believe entitles you to deny this request, or any part of this request. Wis. Stat. § 2219.35(4)(a).

As you know, the law requires you to respond to this request “as soon as practicable and without delay.” Please confirm receipt of this request. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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