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Debbie Inglis  
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Tennessee Department of Correction  
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Dear Ms. Inglis,

Under the Tennessee Open Records Act, §10-7-503 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that reveal communications in relation to the Bledsoe County Correctional Facility and all Tennessee state prisons with regard to:

- (1) the timeline and rationale of the decision to test employees, guards, and prisoners for COVID-19;
- (2) the timeline of implementation of testing of employees, guards, and prisoners for COVID-19; and
- (3) the timeline of distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) to employees, guards, and prisoners.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$200. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the state's response to the COVID-19 virus in relation to those persons in its care in the state's prison system and those who work in the system.

As a candidate for public office in the state of Tennessee, my request is for the purpose of ensuring the health and safety of all Tennesseans, especially our most vulnerable citizens. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The Tennessee Open Records Act requires a response time within seven days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher J. Hale  
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