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Dear Mr. Chatas:

*Re: Freedom of Information Request; Ohio Open Records Request Re:*

<b>Request D</b>	<b>Jeffrey Wadsworth, President, OSU Board of Trustees</b> <b>DIRECTOR JON WATERS &amp; OSU MARCHING BAND</b>
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I am an Ohio State parent. My daughter graduated from The Ohio State University in [REDACTED]

According to <https://ocio.osu.edu/policy/policies/policy-on-institutional-data/roles-and-responsibilities> you are the “custodian of records” for the public information that I seek. If you are not the appropriate person for any item in my request, will you kindly forward my request to the appropriate person and notify me of that referral?

Under the Ohio Open Records Law, §149.43 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of the following public records.

I am seeking information about **Jeffrey Wadsworth**, President, OSU Board of Trustees (“Wadsworth”).

1. **University investigation into the “band culture:”** All official and unofficial communications between and among Wadsworth, Michael V. Drake, Joseph A. Steinmetz, Woodrow A. Myers, Governor John R. Kasich, the OSU administration, the OSU Trustees, McBee Strategic LLC, Eric H. Holder, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Justice Department, Judge Algernon L. Marbley, Richard L. Blatti, Russel C. Mikkelson, Christopher Glaros, Alex R. Fischer, Lori Barreras, Betty R. Montgomery, David Vaughn, Ernst & Young, Arent Fox LLP, Gibson Dunn LLP, Cooley Godward LLP, The Eclipse

Foundation and other third parties related to the decision and actions to investigate Jon Waters and the Ohio State Marching Band.

2. **Meeting minutes:** Provide all minutes of meetings of the administration and trustees regarding the decision and actions to investigate Jon Waters and the Ohio State Marching Band.
3. **Notes and call records:** Provide all hand written notes and call records regarding the decision and actions to investigate Jon Waters and the Ohio State Marching Band.
4. **Conflict of interest disclosures:** All conflict of interest disclosures submitted to the administration and trustees regarding the decision and actions to investigate Jon Waters and the Ohio State Marching Band by the trustees and administration.
5. **Campus Police:** All communication among the trustees, administration and campus police regarding the decision and actions to investigate Jon Waters and the Ohio State Marching Band by the trustees and administration.
6. **“Midnight Ramp:”** All administrative records regarding health and safety arrangements made each year for this annual marching band event, including all arrangements with campus police, the athletic department, facilities, fire department, building and grounds arrangement to move barriers, stadium scoreboard managers and staff, stadium lighting managers and staff.
7. **Police Complaints:** All complaints received by campus police about band activities from 2008 to present.
8. **Administrative Complaints:** All other complaints received by campus police about band activities from 2008 to present.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$50.00. 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 operations of the Board of Trustees and its relationships to faculty and staff. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

I would request a prompt response to this request. If you expect a significant delay in responding to or in fulfilling this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. I request that you provide me the information as you obtain it, and not wait until it is all compiled. I will be happy to come to your office to pick up interim disclosures.

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 your assistance in obtaining this information.

Sincerely,

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