

October 9, 2015

**VIA E-MAIL**

Ms. Lynn Sweet

Chicago Sun-times

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RE: 15-FOIA-203 Lobbying Contract - William Lipinski

Dear Ms. Sweet:

We are in receipt of your request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*

**I. Background**

On October 2, 2015, we received your request for a copy of William Lipinski's contract with Metra (“Request”).

**II. Responsive Document**

In response to your Request, Metra is providing you with a copy of the Professional Consulting Service Agreement #S41053 between Mr. Lipinski's company, Capricorn Communications, LLC and Metra (“Responsive Document”).

**III. Partial Denial**

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, Section 7(1)(s) of FOIA authorizes units of government to withhold “[a]ny and all proprietary information and records related to the operation of an intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool or jointly self-administered health and accident cooperative or pool Insurance or self insurance (including any intergovernmental risk management association or self insurance pool) claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(s). Accordingly, per Attorney Thomas Stuebner, all information regarding insurance within the Responsive Document has been redacted.

**IV. Right of Review**

You have the right to have the partial denial of your Request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) of the Illinois Attorney General's Office. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2nd Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
Fax: 217-782-1396  
E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us).

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If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this partial denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this partial denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your partial denial by filing a lawsuit in the circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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