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Dear Ms. Welch,

Please see the attached response to your GRAMA request 22-094.

Sincerely,

GRAMA Coordinator

Utah Office of the Attorney General

801-281-1286

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Email: moonapothecary@protonmail.com

RE: Utah Attorney General's Office Record Request (22-094)

Dear Ms. Welch:

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) has received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 25, 2022: "All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the Utah [Attorney General's Office] describing the purification of the alleged 'MonkeyPox Virus' [.]". You also indicate "my request includes any study/report matching the above description, authored by anyone, anywhere."

As an agency of the State of Utah, the Attorney General's Office is not subject to the federal FOIA. Instead, all requests for records of the AGO are governed by Utah's Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA). Accordingly, your records request was properly forwarded to me, as Government Records Counsel for the AGO, for processing pursuant to GRAMA.

Under GRAMA, a governmental entity is not required to "(a) create a record; [or] (b) compile, format, manipulate, package, summarize or tailor information" in response to a records request. Utah Code § 63G-2-201(8). Moreover, a person making a request for records under GRAMA must identify the records sought with "reasonable specificity." Utah Code § 63G-2-204(1)(ii).

Despite a reasonable search, the Office was unable to locate any records specifically identified in your request (i.e., studies and/or reports). Furthermore, a "record" as defined under GRAMA must be "prepared, owned, received, or retained by a governmental entity," Utah Code § 63G-2-103(22)(a)(i). Accordingly, your request for a "study/report ... authored by anyone, anywhere" are not records as defined by GRAMA and cannot be requested under its authority.

This completes the response to your request. The Office has waived any fees for this request pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-2-203(4).

Sincerely,



Lonny J. Pehrson
Assistant Attorney General
Government Records Counsel