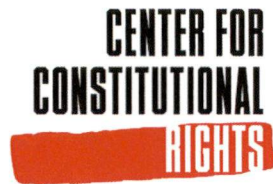


Exhibit C



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Re: ACLU and CCR Reply to DA's Public Records Response on June 27, 2025

Dear Assistant District Attorney Newman:

We are in receipt of the June 27, 2025 response from the District Attorney's Office to our public records request. Thank you for your written response. However, we are unable to properly evaluate the response because it only provides generalized reasoning for denying our request wholesale. We are therefore writing to request that the Rankin County District Attorney's office provide an itemized list of exemptions or reasons for denial per Miss. Code. § 25-61-5(2) and (3).

The blanket denial letter lists multiple reasons that the District Attorney's Office will not provide records without specifying which claimed exemption or other grounds of denial applies to which request. *See, e.g.,* Response at 2 ("The information you seek from this office either does not exist, is not in the Rankin County District Attorney's Office possession and/or is exempt from a public records request."). "[A] statement of the specific exemption relied upon" for the denial of each request is required by Mississippi state law. *See* Miss Code. § 25-61-5(3).

Our June 16, 2025 public records request provided an itemized list requesting six sets of records. We are requesting that the District Attorney's Office please provide a responsive itemized list which specifies, with respect to each and all parts of our request, the claimed exemptions pursuant to § 25-61-5(3), whether the records do not exist, or any other reason for each specific denial. Please include cites to each statutory exemption that you claim.

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Additionally, Mississippi state law requires that even if part of a record is exempt, the public entity still must produce the nonexempt portion of the record for examination. *See* Miss. Code § 25-61-5(2). Thus, we ask that you immediately produce all nonexempt records responsive to our request.

Thank you for your time and attention to this. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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