

**Subject:** PIA Request  
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**TO:**  
Robert Scholz  
Chief Legal Counsel  
Office of Governor Larry Hogan

**FROM:**  
Kathleen Matthews  
Chair  
Maryland Democratic Party

**SUBJECT:** PIA Request

Dear Mr. Scholz,

Please accept the following public records request as allowed under Maryland state law. I am requesting:

- All emails sent or received by Gov. Larry Hogan or staff members in the governor's office relating to the \$68.5 million contract awarded to HNTB and other partners by the Maryland Department of Transportation.
  - This should include in particular all emails sent or received by Gov. Hogan, Boyd Rutherford, Matt Clark, Mark Newgent, or Doug Mayer containing the search term "HNTB" since 8/1/17
- Calendar events for all meetings attended by Gov. Larry Hogan/members of the governor's office relating to the aforementioned HNTB contract
- Any notes, minutes, or other documents produced pertaining to those meetings.

Marylanders deserve a full accounting of why and how the Hogan administration decided behind closed doors to award a nearly \$70 million contract to a corporation that gave thousands of dollars to Gov. Hogan's re-election campaign and formerly employed the administration's transportation secretary.

The Hogan administration has made clear that they are not willing to live up to Gov. Hogan's promises of transparency and accountability unless forced to by Maryland law under the Public Information Act process.

As these documents are clearly in the public interest and for the benefit of Marylanders, the Hogan administration should release them without delay.

Please notify me if there will be a cost associated with these documents, and I look forward to hearing when they will be made available to the public.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Matthews

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