

# Exhibit A

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From: **Lawrence Pacheco** <[Lawrence.Pacheco@coag.gov](mailto:Lawrence.Pacheco@coag.gov)>

Date: Thu, Mar 21, 2024 at 12:46 PM

Subject: FW: CORA Response - Brenner

To: [pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com](mailto:pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com) <[pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com](mailto:pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com)>

Cc: Kerry Colburn <[Kerry.Colburn@coag.gov](mailto:Kerry.Colburn@coag.gov)>

Patrick,

Attached is a letter in response to your recent records request.

Thank you.

Lawrence Pacheco

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**From:** Patrick M. Brenner <[pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com](mailto:pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 2:43 PM

**To:** cora.request <[cora.request@coag.gov](mailto:cora.request@coag.gov)>

**Subject:** Request for Access to Public Records Under the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA)

To whom it may concern,

My name is Patrick M. Brenner. I am submitting this request on behalf of the Southwest Public Policy Institute in accordance with the Colorado Open Records Act. My address is PO Box 1746, Bernalillo, NM 87004, my email address for correspondence related to this request is [pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com](mailto:pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com), and my telephone number is 505-386-1139.

Pursuant to the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), C.R.S. § 24-72-201 et seq., I hereby request access to and a copy of all complaints filed under Section 6, Consumer Loans and Credit Sales for the year 2023 as identified in the press release from the Colorado Attorney General on or about March 4, 2024. These complaints are understood to encompass issues under the Uniform Consumer Credit Code, including but not limited to, concerns related to interest rates, credit reporting, and unlicensed activity, including tribal lending.

The press release in question is available from the website of the Colorado Attorney General and is accessible here: <https://coag.gov/press-releases/attorney-general-phil-weiser-top-consumer-complaints-2023-3-4-24/>

These records are crucial for research in the field of public policy.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please let me know if the cost will exceed \$100, as I am willing to pay the necessary fees for these services. However, as the representative for a charitable nonprofit research institute and think tank, I would like to ask for a waiver of all fees, as the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest, and the release contributes significantly to the public's understanding of consumer protection activities conducted by the state.

Please provide the records in electronic format if available, or let me know if there are any further requirements or forms to complete to process this request.

Thank you very much for considering my request.

--Patrick M. Brenner

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**Patrick M. Brenner**

**President and CEO, Southwest Public Policy Institute**



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March 21, 2024

Patrick M. Brenner  
President and CEO, Southwest Public Policy Institute

*Via email to pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com*

RE: Records Request

Dear Patrick M. Brenner:

We received your records request seeking “a copy of all complaints filed under Section 6, Consumer Loans and Credit Sales for the year 2023 as identified in the press release from the Colorado Attorney General on or about March 4, 2024.” We have no public records responsive to your request. *See* C.R.S. §§ 5-6-106(4), 6-1-111(2).

Under C.R.S. § 24-72-205, we are entitled to reimbursement for reasonable costs associated with copying expenses and for staff time. Your request did not result in any charges due.

Sincerely,

FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

**LAWRENCE PACHECO**  
Director of Communications

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From: **Lawrence Pacheco** <[Lawrence.Pacheco@coag.gov](mailto:Lawrence.Pacheco@coag.gov)>

Date: Mon, Mar 25, 2024 at 8:26 AM

Subject: FW: CORA Response - Brenner

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**From:** Patrick M. Brenner <[pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com](mailto:pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 10:57 AM

**To:** cora.request <[cora.request@coag.gov](mailto:cora.request@coag.gov)>

**Subject:** Request for Access to Public Records Under the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA)

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1139.

Pursuant to the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), C.R.S. § 24-72-201 et seq., I hereby request access to inspect all correspondence related to the production of the report published by the Colorado Attorney General on or about March 4, 2024. All correspondence includes but is not limited to correspondence in the following formats: emails, facsimiles, documents, written communications, text messages, memos, etc.

The press release identifying the report in question is available from the website of the Colorado Attorney General and is accessible here: <https://coag.gov/press-releases/attorney-general-phil-weiser-top-consumer-complaints-2023-3-4-24/>

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March 25, 2024

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*Via email to pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com*

RE: Records Request

Dear Patrick M. Brenner:

We received your records request seeking "all correspondence related to the production of the report published by the Colorado Attorney General on or about March 4, 2024. All correspondence includes but is not limited to correspondence in the following formats: emails, facsimiles, documents, written communications, text messages, memos, etc. The press release identifying the report in question is available from the website of the Colorado Attorney General and is accessible here: <https://coag.gov/press-releases/attorney-general-phil-weiser-top-consumer-complaints-2023-3-4-24/>." We have no public records responsive to your request. See C.R.S. §§ 5-6-106(4), 6-1-111(2).

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FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Lawrence Pacheco", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

**LAWRENCE PACHECO**  
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