STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

ALEXANDER YIANNOPOULOS,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 26-000026-MZ

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY and KEVIN GUSKIEWICZ, in his official capacity as President,

Hon. Sima G. Patel

Defendants.
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ORDER GRANTING IN PART PLAINTIFF'S FEBRUARY 24, 2026 EX PARTE EMERGENCY MOTION FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

On January 26, 2026, defendants advised plaintiff that fulfillment of plaintiff's request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) could take as long as 52 weeks. To begin the process of gathering the requested information, defendants requested a deposit on the estimated $3,097.28 fee. Plaintiff filed this suit, challenging both the fee and time estimates.

On February 24, 2026, plaintiff filed an ex parte emergency motion for a restraining order against the automatic purging, overwriting, or destruction of the information sought under his FOIA request. The Court GRANTS that motion and DIRECTS defendants to preserve:

1. Messages and metadata in the e-mail accounts, digital correspondence files, and text message logs from August 1, 2025, through the date of entry of this order, of Brian Quinn, Stefan Fletcher, Jesse Draper, Michael Stamm, and the collective inbox trustees@msu.edu.

2. The material to be preserved includes server logs, e-mail account date, internal routing data, routing metadata (including but not limited to "Delivered-to" and "X-Forwarded-For" header fields), backend access logs, authentication logs, network logs, and any internal correspondence or attachments residing in or associated with the above listed accounts.

Defendants are DIRECTED to continue preserving information falling into these categories that are created pending the resolution of this suit.

The Court DIRECTS plaintiff to serve this order on defendants no later than noon on Friday, February 27, 2026. Defendants are DIRECTED to file any objection to this order by Friday, March 6, 2026.

Date: February 25, 2026

Sima G. Patel
Judge, Court of Claims