October 30, 2013

Mr. Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

E-mail: joeharcz@comcast.net

1365 E. Mt. Morris Rd.

Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Re: FOIA Response to Request for Information on Expenses for Edward Rodgers II for Attendance at the NFB MI Convention

Dear Mr. Harcz, Jr.:

This email is in response to your October 23, 2013, email request for information, received by this office on October 24, 2013. Please be advised that the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons is processing this request under the state’s Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq*.

You have requested information as described in your email (also included below) as:

“I am writing you today to send me the “group billing” for lodging and other expenses (including personnel) for your attendance at the recent NFB MI State convention.

I also wish to know who was the driver of the state car used for this important convention.”

In order to determine the extent of the research time, the size and number of records of nonexempt information within BSBP responsive to your request, a search must be undertaken. For this reason, it is necessary to extend the time for response, as permitted by Section 5(2)(d) of the FOIA, through November 14, 2013, for your request.

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If it is determined that there is a cost involved in the processing of this request, you will be sent an email which will include an invoice outlining

that cost (before or no later than November 14, 2013). This email may either request a deposit (if the cost is over $50.00) or request payment of the total cost if the amount is under $50.00.

Please note that nothing within the federal American with Disabilities Act (ADA ), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (RA), as amended, or the state’s FOIA (MCL 15.231 et seq.) requires a public body to process FOIA requests free of charge. Further, while the ADA and Section 504 of the RA may mandate that, upon request, material be produced in an accessible format without charge, neither the ADA or Section 504 of the RA preclude a public body from charging costs under the state’s FOIA. Thusly, please note that no labor fee charges have been, or will be, assessed to convert existing, nonexempt public records responsive to your requests into an accessible format to forward to you.

Sincerely,

Carla Miller Haynes, FOIA Coordinator

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

Attachment: Email Request for Information

cc: Edward F. Rodgers II

Sue Luzenski

Mike Pemble

Katie Belknap

Elsie Duell

From: joe harcz Comcast [mailto:joeharcz@comcast.net]

Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 10:49 AM

To: Rodgers, Edward (LARA)

Cc: nfbmi-talk@nfbnet.org

Subject: group billing request nfb mi convention

October 23 2013 to Rodgers Group Billing NFB MI Convention

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To: Edward Rodgers, Director BSBP

Dear Sir,

I am writing you today to send me the “group billing” for lodging and other expenses (including personnel) for your attendance at the recent NFB MI State convention.

I also wish to know who was the driver of the state car used for this important convention.

You may send this to me in accessible format which by now you are quite aware of.

Thank you, by the way for attending and for your responsive and enlighten comments to all.

Sincerely,

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

-Ninety-nine Percent of lawyers give the other one percent a bad name…Steven Wright

Cc: NFB MI