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Once a request has been made, those records should be made available on a state run website. Furthermore, if the report is a monthly report, the report should be automatically updated and made available to the public.

For example: Total number of Homecare workers at the end of December 2021. Total number of Homecare workers who were paid during December 2021. Total number of Homecare workers who paid union dues during December 2021. Total number of Homecare workers who were paid late or inaccurately during December

2021. Total amount the state paid in late fees to Homecare workers who were paid late or inaccurately during December 2021. This report should be made available each month starting in January 2022. People should not have to request this each and every month. Perhaps put an option on the form: ***Is this a recurring report Y/N?***

Asking someone who makes less than \$20/hour to pay over \$100 for a public records request in the 21st century is unthinkable. Charging exorbitant fees has a chilling effect on public record requests and keeps the information from the public.

I have been told that I would have to pay hundreds of dollars by DHS when I requested public records because certain individuals did not want me to have access to the information. This should never be allowed to happen again.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!

Now that the OPRAC has been made aware of shortcomings and failures in a public meeting, they can not take the position they did not know.

Testimony respectfully submitted by,

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As always, ACTING IN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY

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