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credentials

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Fri, Feb 15, 2019 at 10:42 AM

To: "Garrett, Pat" <pat.garrett@iowa.gov>, sam.langholz@iowa.gov

Pat, do you have any written document outlining this policy? When did your office adopt it?

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 7 of the Iowa Constitution protect press freedom and require any restrictions on the press to be applied uniformly to similarly situated people, without regard to the content of published material.

Multiple reporters from around the state tell me they have never been required to have credentials in either legislative chamber in order to cover public events involving the governor or lieutenant governor. On what legal basis are you applying this standard to me?

Laura

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From: **Laura Belin** <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Tue, Feb 5, 2019 at 9:43 AM

Subject: Re: credentials

To: Garrett, Pat <pat.garrett@iowa.gov>

Cc: <sam.langholz@iowa.gov>

Pat,

I want to make sure I understand correctly. The governor's press conferences and public events "are open to credentialed members of the media." Since the governor's office does not credential journalists, only reporters credentialed by both the Iowa House and Iowa Senate are allowed to participate. Is that accurate?

Is this a new policy or a longstanding practice?

Thanks in advance for any clarification you can provide.

Laura

On Mon, Feb 4, 2019 at 3:00 PM Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com> wrote:

How long has this been the policy of the governor's office? Please forward a copy of your written guidelines on credentialing.

Laura

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From: **Garrett, Pat** <pat.garrett@iowa.gov>

Date: Mon, Feb 4, 2019 at 2:50 PM

Subject: Re: credentials

To: Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

Our office relies on **both** the Iowa House and the Iowa Senate to determine who is credentialed.

On Mon, Feb 4, 2019 at 2:46 PM Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com> wrote:

Pat,

In that case, since the Iowa Senate has credentialed me, I assume that I am credentialed to cover public events for Governor Reynolds and Lieutenant Governor Gregg. Please confirm.

Laura

On Mon, Feb 4, 2019 at 2:22 PM Garrett, Pat <pat.garrett@iowa.gov> wrote:

Laura –

The Governor's Office does not credential members of the press. Our office relies on both the Iowa House and the Iowa Senate to determine who is credentialed.

-Pat

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