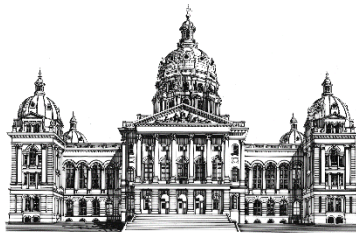


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Governor Reynolds:

We write today out of deep concern for our community. Covid-19 has spread rapidly among the employees at Tyson in Waterloo. On April 17th, Black Hawk County local elected officials called on Tyson to voluntarily cease operations to clean the plant and test workers for the virus. After hearing from the workers directly on the conditions they were facing, we subsequently filed an OSHA complaint to protect the workers.

As the situation continues to unfold, up-to-date information is vital to fight the spread. We are disappointed in your administration's decision to not release the number of cases tied to the Tyson outbreak in Waterloo as you did in the Columbus Junction outbreak. Concealing vital information during a public health emergency is not in the best interest of the public.

It is important for Iowans to know what communication Tyson has had with your office. This communication may give us insight into your decision-making process.

We are requesting under Iowa Code section 2.15 (1)(c) and 2.15(2), all records, documents, or other information, stored or preserved in any medium from the dates of March 1, 2020 to April 20, 2020 with the search term "Tyson" for the following employees: Sara Craig, Logan Shine, Paul Trombino, Michael Boal, Pat Garrett, Sam Langholtz and Paige Thorson.

In an effort to save taxpayer dollars, we are only requesting electronic copies of the records, not hard copies. Additionally, due to the limited dates, search terms and individuals, we ask for this information by Monday, April 27th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ras Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rep. Ras Smith

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timi Brown-Powers", with a large, sweeping flourish that loops back under the name.

Rep. Timi Brown-Powers