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Via: Email to ContactDOJ@MT.Gov
Attention: Office of the Attorney General
Montana Peace Office Standards and Training
215 N Sanders St.
Helena, MT 59601

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as a request, pursuant to the Montana Public Records Act § 2-6-1001 et seq., for a copy of all records detailed below. For the purposes of this request, "officer" means a sworn member of all sworn law enforcement officers in the state of Montana of any rank, and "data" means logs or spreadsheets showing individual information. I request the following:

1. Any data maintained by your agency sufficient to show all officers who have been certified by the state, dating back as far as is maintained, year-by-year, showing as much of the following information as is maintained:
    a. First name
    b. Middle name or initial
    c. Last name
    d. Badge/star number
    e. Employee number
    f. Date of certification
    g. Date of decertification (if applicable)
    h. Department
    i. Rank
    j. Gender
    k. Race
    l. Year of birth
    m. Date of separation from department if applicable
    n. Reason for separation (e.g., termination, resignation, retirement), if applicable
    o. Unique identifier, certification number, badge, and/or employee number

Please email the documents or files, and any communications, to foia@invisibleinstitute.com.

This request was not made for a commercial purpose. Specifically, I am writing on behalf of the Invisible Institute, an award-winning nonprofit journalistic production company based in Chicago's Woodlawn neighborhood. The Invisible Institute's mission is to enhance the capacity of citizens to hold public institutions accountable, and to disseminate information to members of the general public concerning their safety, welfare, and legal rights. I am requesting these documents in order to fulfill that mission. As such, I request a fee waiver for this data. Because this goal concerns information regarding the safety, welfare, and legal rights of the public, a fee waiver is in the public interest. To the extent that you intend to assess any charges, please notify me to discuss first.
Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this matter. Please contact me should you have any questions related to this request.

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