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**U.S. Citizenship
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Services**

Control Number: COW2021004501

March 13, 2026

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office on October 31, 2021 regarding copies of each regular weekly internal FOIA program summary status email sent out by the USCIS FOIA Officer to an internal distribution list, during the years 2020 and 2021 to date.

We have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing the record set and have applied the FOIA exemptions as required by the statute and the Attorney General's Guidance. We have completed the review of all documents and have identified 254 pages that are responsive to your request. Enclosed are 8 pages released in their entirety and 246 pages released in part. We have reviewed and have determined to release all information except those portions that are exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) of the FOIA.

The following exemptions are applicable:

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files where the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, drivers' licenses, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal.

There may be additional documents that contain discretionary releases of exempt information. If made, these releases are specifically identified in the responsive record. These discretionary releases do not waive our ability to invoke applicable FOIA exemptions for similar or related information in the future.

The enclosed record consists of the best reproducible copies available. Certain pages contain marks that appear to be blacked-out information. The black marks were made prior to our receipt of the file and are not information we have withheld under the provisions of the FOIA or PA.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. You may file an administrative FOIA appeal by mail to USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our USCIS FOIA Public Liaison by email at FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov.

A USCIS FOIA Public Liaison is an agency official to whom FOIA requesters can raise concerns about the service the requester has received from the agency's FOIA Office. USCIS FOIA Public Liaisons are

responsible for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency, and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our USCIS FOIA Public Liaison, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email ogis@nara.gov; telephone 202-741-5770; toll free 877-684-6448; or facsimile 202-741-5769.

The National Records Center does not process petitions, applications, or any other type of benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act. If you have questions or wish to submit documentation relating to a matter pending with USCIS, please visit the Contact Us page at www.uscis.gov or call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

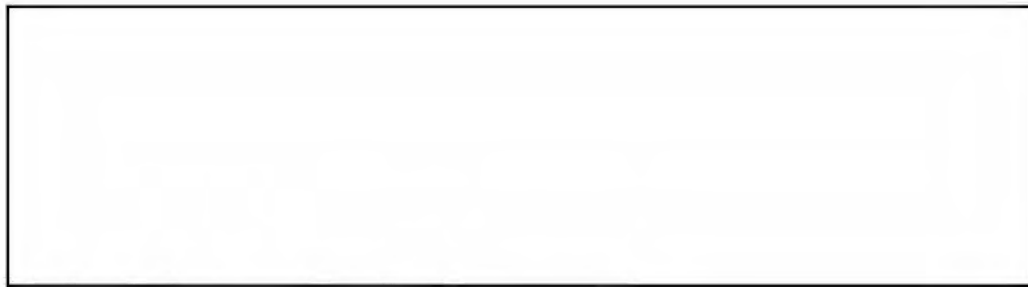
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jarrod Panter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jarrod T Panter
Acting Chief FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Unit

Enclosure(s)

From:
To:



Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, January 2, 2020 – January 8, 2020
Date: Wednesday, January 08, 2020 8:46:40 AM
Attachments: COW2020000006 Request 12.19.19.pdf
COW2020000020 Request.pdf
COW2018001215 "Lawyers" Committee Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

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Late requests

- On December 05, 2019 [redacted], a representative with *Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) email communications from January 25, 2019 through the present pertaining to a Wall Street Journal news article on unaccompanied alien children and the Remain in Mexico policy and the Migrant Protection Protocols. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000020)
- On December 19, 2019 [redacted] a media representative with *One America News Network*, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records from 1993 through 2001, pertaining to policies concerning political asylum for members of Somalia’s former President Jaalle Mohamed Siad Barre’s regime. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000006)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On January 7, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with *Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee*, in Washington, DC, two Excel spreadsheets containing all logs of congressional correspondence with Representative Mike Bost (R-IL) from January 1, 2015 through November 13, 2017. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2017001436) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

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- N/A

V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases** (b)(6)

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center.
Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. **Litigation**

- In the matter of *Lawyers' committee for Civil Rights of The San Francisco Bay Area v. United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (3:19-cv-01343)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2018, seeking records consisting of training material that is given to refugee and asylum officers pertaining to how USCIS' Refugee and Asylum office (RAIO) evaluates refugee and asylum applicants who are potential gang members. On January 3, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1090 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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Supervisory Government Information Specialist
Freedom of Information Act
National Records Center
United States Citizenship and Immigration Service

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From:
To:



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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, January 9, 2020 – January 15, 2020
Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 8:45:22 AM
Attachments: COW2020000032 Request 12.30.19.pdf
COW2020000051 Request 1.2.20.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

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Late requests

- On December 30, 2019, [redacted], a media representative with *The Times-Picayune New Orleans Advocate*, in New Orleans, Louisiana, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the EB-5 investment applications in the Four Seasons New Orleans residential development. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000032)
- On January 2, 2019, [redacted], a representative with *Injustice Watch* in Chicago, Illinois, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): (1) record layouts (sometimes called a “data dictionary”) for the Refugees, Asylum, and Parole System, the Asylum Pre-Screening System, and the “Global” case management system; (2) a spreadsheet showing de-identified data on all affirmative asylum cases decided from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019; (3) any training materials, guidance or memos issued to asylum officers regarding credibility determinations in asylum interviews; and (4) any guidance or communication regarding countries considered to be “high fraud.” (Case Number USCIS COW2020000051)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On January 9, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *Type Investigations* in New York, New York, 11 Excel spreadsheets consisting of data pertaining to N-400 Naturalization Applications from January 1, 2014 through the present. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS NRC20190011719) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
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(USCIS) released [redacted], a media representative with *BuzzFeed News* in Washington, DC, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of all releasable data from the Asylum Pre-Screening System (APSS). Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number COW2017001257) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

- On January 15, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with *Temple University*, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of: (1) the number of physicians/doctors who are waiting for their I-140 application to be approved; (2) the number of physicians/doctors who have their I-140 application approved and have filed for I-485; and (3) the number of physicians/doctors who have their I-140 approved but cannot file for adjustment of status due to their priority date not being current from the last 10 years. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2018001338) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- N/A

Respectfully,

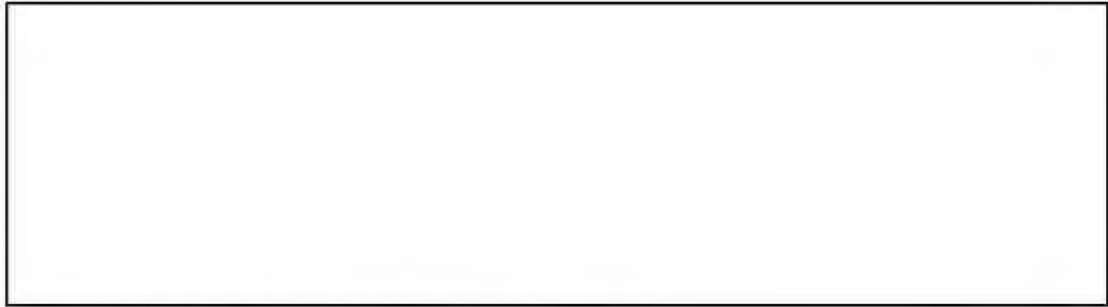
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Freedom of Information Act
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United States Citizenship and Immigration Service

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From:
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Cc: [Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report](#)
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, January 16, 2020 – January 22, 2020
Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 1:33:08 PM
Attachments: [COW2020000076 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020000041 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020000049 Request 1.6.20.pdf](#)
[COW2020000083 Request 1.7.20.pdf](#)
[NRC2019002271 Complaint.pdf](#)
[NRC2018098003 American Oversight Complaint.pdf](#)
[NRC2018159378 American Oversight v DHS et al 18-cv-2842 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019500446 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2018000633 and COW2018000638 NY Imm Coalition Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On December 23, 2019 [redacted] a representative with **Ballard Spahr LLP**, counsel for **ASISTA Immigration Assistance** in Los Angeles, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to policies, training manuals, communications, and data that relate to discretionary adjudication of Form I-192 Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant in connection with petitions for U nonimmigrant status. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000076)

- On January 3, 2020 [redacted] a media representative with the **NBC Universal** in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) any communications and calendars for [redacted] and [redacted] containing any of the following words: FAIR, Federation for American Immigration Reform, PRFIR, Progressives for Immigration Reform, or ADOS. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000041)

- On January 06, 2020 [redacted], a media representative with **Devex**

News, in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the collaboration between USCIS and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on biometric data collection and usage. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000049)
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- On January 7, 2020 [redacted] an individual in East Lansing, Michigan, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records created after March 1, 2019, pertaining to credible fear and/or reasonable fear interviews as part of the expedited removal process including related correspondence between employees of USCIS and other Department of Homeland Security (DHS) components or agencies, trainings, manuals, data, memoranda, policies and procedures. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000083)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On January 17, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with ***MuckRock News*** in Somerville, Massachusetts, 52 pages of records consisting of documents pertaining to Ohio Regional Center LLC. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 4. (Case Number USCIS COW2017001499) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On January 22, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with ***Kathryn O Greenberg Justice Clinic*** in New York, New York, seven pages of records consisting of documents mentioning or referring to USCIS, New York Field Office pertaining to FDNS and [redacted] from November 1, 2016 through the present. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS NRC2017188288) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of ***Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.***, (1:19-cv-00411-BAH), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On January 17, 2020, USCIS released 331 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***American Oversight v. Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.***, (1:18-cv-02846), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records for all e-mail communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins related to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On January 15, 2020,

USCIS released to the plaintiff 258 pages of records.

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (18-cv-02842-CKK)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 18, 2018, seeking all email communications from Robert Law that include: (1) email communications with a listing of 23 organizations and individuals; (2) email communications that include four listed terms; (3) email communications containing a combination of five listed word combinations; and (4) email communications containing a combination of 17 terms. On January 15, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 514 pages of records.
- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al., (1:19-cv-08905-JGK)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO) Directorate Combined Training Course. On January 17, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 871 pages of records.
- In the matter of *New York Immigration Coalition, Immigrant Justice Corps v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-06693)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 22, 2018, seeking records from 2016 through present, pertaining to Applications for Employment Authorization Documents Forms I-765 and I-765V. On January 21, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 615 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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Supervisory Government Information Specialist
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United States Citizenship and Immigration Service

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From:
To:



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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, January 23, 2020 – January 29, 2020
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 1:34:34 PM
Attachments: [COW2020000091_Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020000114_Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020000066_Request.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

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Late requests

- On December 4, 2019, [redacted] a media representative with **Human Rights Data Analysis Group**, in Sacramento, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to: (1) the generation, assignment, and database management of alien registration numbers; and (2) copies of any contracts, invoices, receipts, memoranda of understanding, or agreements between USCIS and Oracle Corporation or Oracle Cloud. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000091)
- On December 20, 2019, [redacted] a media representative with **San Diego Union Tribune**, in San Diego, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the Alien File of [redacted] (Case Number USCIS COW2020000114)
- On January 10, 2020, [redacted] a representative with **CLEAR Project of CUNY School of Law** in Long Island City, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to “Operation Sequoia” including: (1) formal or informal policies, guidance, guidelines, procedures, bulletins, memoranda, and/or legal opinions; (2) communications between USCIS and the Department of State regarding “Operation Sequoia;” (3) records concerning DNA testing as part of “Operation Sequoia;” and (4) training and/or course materials for agents who participate in “Operation Sequoia.” (Case Number USCIS COW2020000066)

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III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center.
Email [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- N/A

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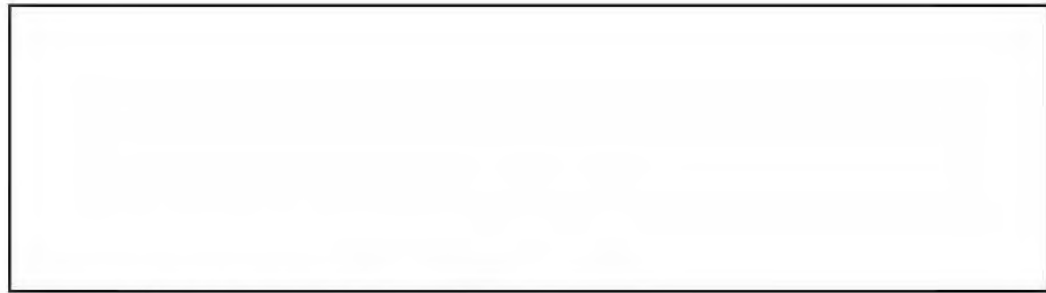
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From:
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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, January 30, 2020 – February 5, 2020
Date: Friday, February 07, 2020 6:31:49 AM
Attachments: [COW2020000116 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2018000622 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019500446 Complaint Combined with Exhibits.pdf](#)
[NRC2018134214 American Oversight - Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019500960 AIC 10.2.19 Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

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Late requests

- On January 10, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) any contracts, agreements, memoranda of understanding, or memoranda of agreement between: (1) Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and/or USCIS; and (2) other federal, state, or local agencies or nongovernmental organizations regarding sharing information about migrants and/or sponsors for migrant children. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000116)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On January 30, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with the *San Jose Mercury News i.e. Bay Area News Group*, one Excel Spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to approved H-1B applications from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2019000043) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On February 5, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] a media representative with *MuckRock News* in Somerville, Massachusetts, 609 pages of records pertaining to political fugitives, most wanted individuals, or relatives of such individuals using/investing in the EB-5 program. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2017001470) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here](#)

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IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center.
Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

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- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, LLC v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (8:19-cv-01511-GLS)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 18, 2018, seeking records relating to the procedures followed in adjudicating Special Immigrant Juvenile Status petitions (Form I-360) and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status-based adjustment of status applications (Form I-485). On January 30, 2019, USCIS released to the plaintiff 36 pages of records.
- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al., (1:19-cv-08905-JGK)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO) Directorate Combined Training Course. On January 30, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 10 pages of records
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), U.S. Department of State (DOS), U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00774-RC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 29, 2018, seeking records pertaining to communications from White House adviser Stephen Miller and his former executive assistant, McLaurine Klingler on behalf of the current administration. On January 31, 2019, USCIS released to the plaintiff 262 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Immigration Council and Tahirih Justice Center v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-02965)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 5, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the use of United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers to conduct credible and/or reasonable fear interviews. On January 31, 2020, USCIS released to plaintiff 536 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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Supervisory Government Information Specialist
Freedom of Information Act
National Records Center
United States Citizenship and Immigration Service



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From:
To:



Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, February 6, 2020 – February 12, 2020
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 8:54:04 AM
Attachments: COW2019500849 Request 7.9.19.pdf
NRC2018159518 ECF 1 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On February 06, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **HIAS** in Silver Spring, Maryland, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records consisting of data for affirmative asylum statistics on leading nationalities for asylum grantees for 2015 through 2019 by quarter for each asylum office. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500849)

- III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**
 - On February 6, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) released to [redacted] an individual from Davis, California, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to total number of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival applicants, approvals, by zip-code, by age, and by year in California from FY-2012 through Present. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500490) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

 - On February 12, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **MuckRock News** in Somerville, Massachusetts, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of statistical data pertaining to the number of Legal Permanent Residents granted to Canadian nationals for FY2003 through FY2017. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500048) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

- IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals**
 - N/A

V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. **Litigation**

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- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On February 12, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 990 pages of records.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

Supervisory Government Information Specialist
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[COW2020000186 Request.pdf](#)
[NRC2018159378 Complaint.pdf](#)
[NRC2019002271 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019500446 Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

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 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On December 27, 2017 [redacted] representative with **Public Citizen Litigation Group** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all communications - including but not limited to letters, faxes, and emails, including all attachments to emails - to or from any staff of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), including the Secretary: (1) from or to any member or staff of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity; (2) concerning the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity; (3) from or to Kris Kobach; and (4) from or to Andrew Kossack. This request is limited to records created or received by DHS from June 1, 2017, through the date of processing this request. (Case Number USCIS COW2018000019)
- On January 23, 2020 [redacted] media representative with **The Center for Investigative Reporting** in Saint Petersburg, Florida, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the total number of Requests for Evidence issued by USCIS in U visa (I-918) petitions, per year, from FY 2014 through FY 2019. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000186)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On February 13, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **Center for Investigative Reporting**, in Emeryville, California, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to O-1 I-129, H-1B I-129, EB-1 I-140 and EB-2 I-

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140 applications from 2009 through present. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500717) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

- On February 13, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] media representative with *The Washington Post* in Washington, DC, eight pages of records consisting of the termination letter for EB-5 Regional Center America Commonwealth Regional Center LLC. ID 1320351179. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 4. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500886) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On February 13, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] media representative with *Southern California Public Radio*, in Pasadena, California, two Excel spreadsheets consisting of data pertaining to the number of Chinese asylum applicants in the past five years and the number of approved political asylum cases for Chinese applicants over the past five years. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501237) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

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V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (18-cv-02842-CKK)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 18, 2018, seeking all email communications from Robert Law that include: (1) email communications with a listing of 23 organizations and individuals; (2) email communications that include four listed terms: American Academy of Pediatric, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution Initiative; (3) email communications containing a combination of five listed word combinations dealing with family separation; and (4) email communications containing a combination of 17 terms dealing with asylum and “credible fear”. On February 14, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 507 pages of records.
- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al., (1:19-cv-08905-JGK)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO) Directorate Combined Training Course. On February 18, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 97 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00411-BAH)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum, PM-602-0050.1. On

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February 18, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 423 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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From:
To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, February 20, 2020 – February 26, 2020
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 7:31:52 AM
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals/Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center, Email [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

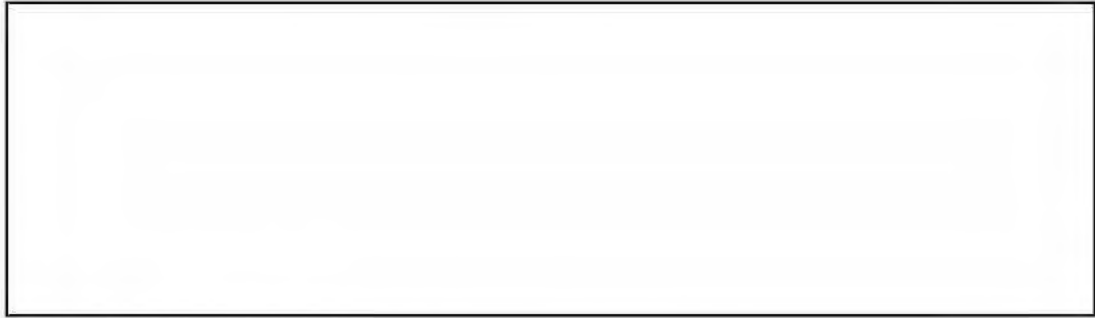
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United States Citizenship and Immigration Service

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From:
To:



Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, February 27, 2020 – March 4, 2020
Date: Wednesday, March 04, 2020 9:33:26 AM
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COW2020000141 Request 1.28.20.pdf
COW2020000242 Request.pdf
COW2020000248 Request.pdf
COW2020000250 Request.pdf
COW2020000197 IRAP - Complaint.pdf
COW2019500960 AIC 10.2.19 Complaint.pdf
NRC2018134214 American Oversight - Complaint.pdf
COW2018000622 Catholic Legal Immigration Network Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - On February 28, 2020, the *United States Department of Justice* requested from the *United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*, in coordination with a case in the matter of *Make the Road New York vs. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Justice (DOJ), et al., (1:19-cv-04607)*, a consultation containing USCIS equities. The documents consist of 52 pages of email records pertaining to the inadmissibility on public charge grounds regulation and the notice of proposed rulemaking. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500241)

Late requests

- On August 8, 2020, [redacted] an individual in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) digital copies of emails sent or received by USCIS official John Zadrozny, between June 1, 2019, and the date this request is processed, containing any of the following terms: (1) "refugee"; (2) "asylum"; (3) "Cuccinelli"; and (4) "Miller". (Case Number USCIS COW2019501089)
- On January 28, 2020, [redacted] a representative with *California Department of Finance* in Sacramento, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to F-1 student visa data from 2003-2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000140)
- On January 28, 2020, [redacted] representative with *North Carolina Justice Center* in Raleigh, North Carolina, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to U visa data from 2014-2015. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000141)

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- On January 30, 2020 [redacted] representative with **The National Foundation for American Policy** in Arlington, Virginia, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Count of Approved Petitions for Form I-140 Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker, Form I-360 Petition for Amerasian, Widow or Special Immigrant and Form I-526 Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur as of October 1, 2019, with Priority Dates on or after November, 2019, Department of State Visa Bulletin. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000242)
- On January 30, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Justice Action Center** in Los Angeles, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program records including policies, guidance, correspondence, emails, reports and data. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000248)
- On January 30, 2020 [redacted] a media representative with **The New York Times** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to curriculum or lesson plans used by USCIS to train Border Patrol agents. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000250)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions contact [redacted] of the National Records Center.
Email [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of **International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al., (1:19-cv-08905-JGK)**, USCIS received a consult from the United States Department of State, Case no. F-2019-06730, on February 14, 2020, consisting of 34 pages of documents containing USCIS equities. On February 27, 2020, USCIS released to the United States Department of State 34 pages of records for direct response to the Plaintiff.
- In the matter of **American Immigration Council and Tahirih Justice Center v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-02965)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 5, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the use of United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers to conduct credible and/or reasonable fear interviews. On February 28, 2020, USCIS released to plaintiff 534 pages of records.
- In the matter of **American Oversight v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00774-RC)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 29, 2018, seeking records pertaining communications from White House adviser Stephen Miller and his former executive assistant McLaurine Klingler on behalf of the current administration. On February 28, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 185 pages of records
- In the matter of **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, LLC v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (8:19-cv-01511-GLS)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 18, 2018, seeking records relating to

the procedures followed in adjudicating Special Immigrant Juvenile Status petitions (Form I-360) and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status-based adjustment of status applications (Form I-485). On March 3, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 2 pages of records.

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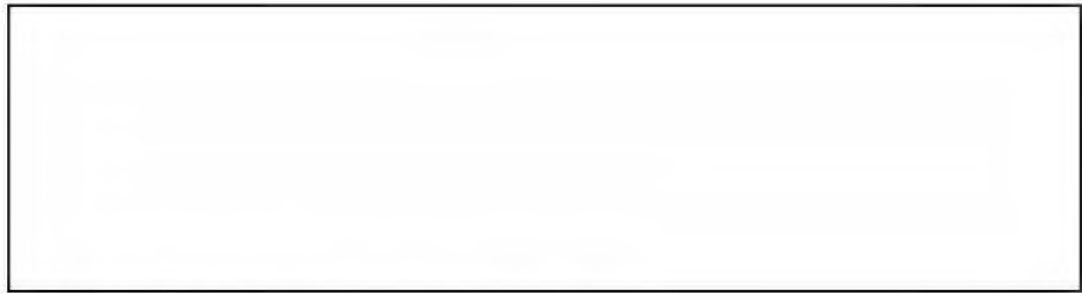
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From:
To:



Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, March 5, 2020 – March 11, 2020
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 7:57:35 AM
Attachments: COW2018000789 Make the Road NY - Complaint.pdf
COW2018001215 Lawyers" Committee Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On March 9, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will release to [redacted] a media representative with *Muckrock* in Somerville, Massachusetts, one page of records consisting of the Poster P-I-V is Easy as 1-2-3. These records are released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500780) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

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V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Make the Road New York v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-04607), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records consisting of information pertaining to all USCIS communications and analyses related to the public charge regulation. On March 10, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff two Excel spreadsheets and 507 pages of records.

- In the matter of *Lawyers' committee for Civil Rights of The San Francisco Bay Area v. United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (3:19-cv-01343)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2018, seeking records consisting of training material that is given to refugee and asylum officers pertaining to how USCIS' Refugee and Asylum office (RAIO) evaluates refugee and asylum applicants who are potential gang members. On March 9, 2020, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 1,118 pages of responsive records

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, March 12, 2020 – March 18, 2020
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:04:50 AM
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COW2020000255 Request.pdf
UNP2020000394 Request.pdf
COW2020000323 Request.pdf
COW2020000318 Request 2.24.20.pdf
NRC2018098003 American Oversight Complaint.pdf
NRC2018159378 American Oversight v DHS et al 18-cv-2842 Complaint.pdf
NRC2019002271 Complaint.pdf
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Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On December 20, 2019 [redacted] a representative with **National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the policies, training materials, emails, and statistics regarding I-130 petitions and kafala adoption, kafala order, or adoption under Islamic law. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501862)
- On January 9, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **American Oversight** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) contract and memoranda agreements between USCIS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and local governments dating to January 1, 2017, to present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000325)
- On February 08, 2020 [redacted] a media representative with **Cato Institute**, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data related to the number of approved I-140 petitions without a current priority date and the number of individual beneficiaries of approved I-140 petitions without a current priority date (i.e. excluding the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc. petitions on behalf of the same beneficiary). (Case Number USCIS COW2020000255)
- On February 12, 2020 [redacted] media representative with **MuckRock**

News, in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the USCIS FOIA/PA program on the disclosure and redaction of: (1) records pertaining to credible fear interviews including the terms, "credible fear interview," "CFI," "1-870," "Record of Determination," and "Credible Fear Worksheet,"; (2) records regarding compliance with the court orders in *Martins v. USCIS*, 962 F. Supp. 2d 1106 (E.D. Cal. 2013), including instructions, training materials mentioned in the letter sent by counsel for USCIS to the U.S. District Court Judge Laurel Beeler, dated Feb. 14, 2014, which certified compliance with the Settlement Agreement in the *Martins* action; and (3) records pertaining to the following search terms: "Unaccompanied Alien Child Screening Addendum," "CBP Form 93," and/or "suggested trafficking questions." (Case Number USCIS UNP2020000394) (b)(6)

- On February 13, 2020, [redacted] representative with *Center for Investigative Reporting* in Saint Petersburg, Florida, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) email communication from Stephen Miller to USCIS officials dating to January 1, 2017, to present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000323)
- On February 24, 2020, [redacted] representative with *Cato Institute* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Public Charge Form I-944 Declaration of Self-Sufficiency for FY2020 and FY2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000318)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On March 12, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *The National Foundation for American Policy* in Arlington, Virginia, three pages of records consisting of I-485 forms processed by USCIS within the fiscal year for FY15, FY16, FY17, and FY18. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019000070) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS) et al., (1:18-cv-02846)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records for all email communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins related to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On March 13, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 172 pages of records.

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- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (18-cv-2842)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 18, 2018, seeking records consisting of all email communications from [redacted] [redacted] include: (1) email communications with a listing of 23 organizations and individuals; (2) email communications that include four listed terms; (3) email communications containing a combination of five listed word combinations; and (4) email communications containing a combination of 17 terms. On March 13, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 513 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00411-BAH)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On March 18, 2020, USCIS released 361 pages of records.

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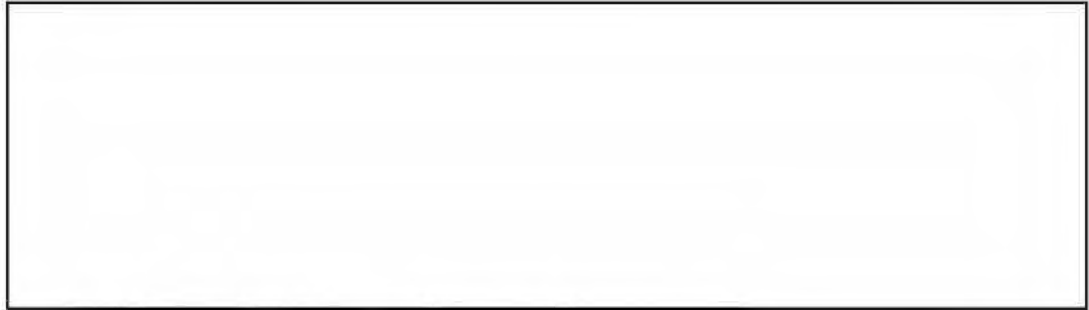
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COW2020000256 Request 2.24.20.pdf
COW2020000260 Request 2.24.20.pdf
COW2020000352 Request 3.18.20.pdf
COW2020000270 Request 2.25.20.pdf
COW2015000978 Human Rights Watch Complaint.pdf
COW2019000126 Grassroots Complaint.pdf
COW20200000267 Request 2.25.20.pdf
COW2020000343 Request.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On February 14, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *Cato Institute* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) H-2A, H-2B, H1-B and I-140 data from FY2003 through FY2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000212)
- On February 14, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *University of California Merced* in Merced, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) E-Verify data points dating from 2005 through 2018. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000326)
- On February 18, 2020 [redacted] representative with *The New York Times* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) email communications from former USCIS Director Cissna regarding key terms from October 1, 2019 to present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000331)
- On February 20, 2020 [redacted] a representative with the **Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles** in Los Angeles, California, requested from the

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United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to procedures for the background check process for naturalization applicants at the Los Angeles Field Office. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000236)

- On February 21, 2020, [redacted] media representative with *USA Today* in Austin, Texas, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) documentation of Migrant Protection Protocols along with statistics dating to December 20, 2018, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000338)
- On February 21, 2020, [redacted] a representative with *University of Southern California Marshall* in Los Angeles, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) information regarding asylum applicants as well as USCIS officers adjudicating applications from 2003 through 2017. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000346)
- On February 24, 2020, [redacted] a media representative with *The Cato Institute* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) 35 data points from the form I-864 for FY2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000256)
- On February 24, 2020, [redacted] media representative with *The Cato Institute* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the number of aliens found inadmissible by USCIS by ground of inadmissibility from FY2003 through FY2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000260)
- On February 25, 2020, [redacted] media representative with *Cato Institute* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to H2-B fraud and abuse investigations by conducted by Fraud Detection and National Security (FDNS). (Case Number USCIS COW2020000267)
- On February 25, 2020, [redacted] a representative with *Syracuse University* in Syracuse, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) refugee data points from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019, and admission standards. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000270)
- On February 26, 2020, [redacted] a representative with *Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) email communications with key search terms between Paul Junge and L. Francis Cissna from February, 2018, through September, 2018. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000343)
- On March 18, 2020, [redacted] media representative with *Accountable.US*, in Washington, D.C., requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the COVID-19/Coronavirus Task Force in Ken Cuccinelli's correspondence. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000352)

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III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On March 25, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] media representative with *MuckRock News* in Somerville, Massachusetts, 51 pages of records pertaining to the business plan portion of the I-526 petition filed for the 65 Bay Street EB-5 project being sponsored by the U.S. Immigration Fund regional center and being developed through a partnership between Kushner Companies and the KABR Group. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2017001484) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Human Rights Watch v. Department of Homeland Security, 4:18-cv-01842-DMR*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 17, 2015, seeking records held by USCIS Asylum Division and prepared by USCIS asylum officers pertaining to, and/or mentioning or referring to alleged due process violations or other alleged misconduct by United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP). On March 16, 2020, pursuant to settlement negotiations with Plaintiff, USCIS will release to Plaintiff 229 reprocessed pages of records.
- In the matter of *Grassroots Leadership v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (1:19-cv-00530-RP)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 5, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the fee waiver policies applicable to the USCIS VAWA, T, and U humanitarian program dating to January 1, 2017. On March 19, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 509 pages of records.

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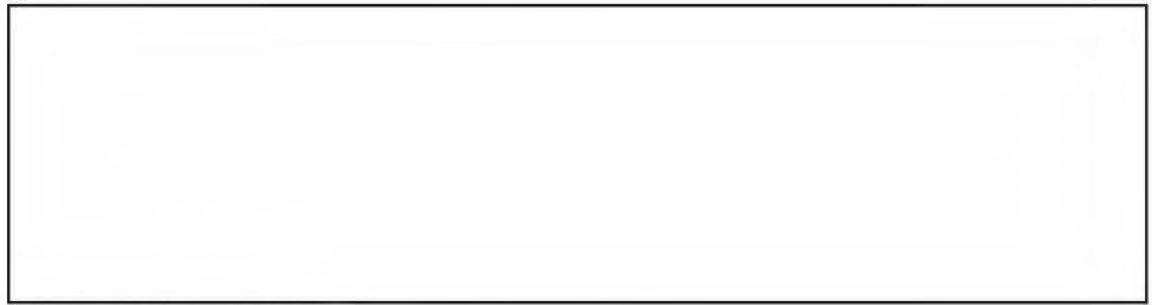
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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, March 26, 2020 – April 1, 2020
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COW2020000413 Request.pdf
COW2020000341 Request.pdf
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COW2019500734 JAC Complaint.pdf
COW2019500960 AIC 10.2.19 Complaint.pdf
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Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On December 5, 2019, [redacted] representative with the *American Civil Liberties Union Foundation* in San Francisco, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): (1) the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) “Red Team” report on its audit of Migrant Protection Protocols, prepared under the direction of former DHS Acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan; (2) former Acting Secretary McAleenan’s June, 2019, Memorandum directing a review of Migrant Protection Protocols; (3) USCIS’s plan to implement the recommendations in the Red Team report; (4) bulletins and other memoranda by the USCIS Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO); and (5) all other documents, reports, memoranda, bulletins, and communications regarding assessments of the Migrant Protection Protocols. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501850)
- On January 7, 2020, [redacted] representative with **Novo Legal Group** in Denver, Colorado, requested from the United States Citizenship and

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Immigration Services (USCIS) information and training on 8 C.F.R. § 1208.13(c) (4) from January 1, 2019, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000080)

- On February 12, 2020, [REDACTED] a representative with the **American Immigration Council** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) written agreements or protocols between the United States and Guatemala regarding the implementation of the Asylum Cooperative Agreement between the two countries signed on July 26, 2019. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000430)
- On February 12, 2020, [REDACTED] representative with the **American Immigration Council** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) written agreements or protocols between the United States and Honduras regarding the implementation of the Asylum Cooperative Agreement between the two countries signed on September 25, 2019. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000431)
- On February 24, 2020 [REDACTED] a media representative with *Cato Institute* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) E-Verify data from 2005 through 2019. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000373)
- On March 3, 2020 [REDACTED] representative with **National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all documents regarding the creation of the Denaturalization Section within the Office of Immigration Litigation in the U.S. Department of Justice. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000375)
- On March 6, 2020 [REDACTED] representative with **Northwest Immigrant Rights Project** in Wenatchee, Washington, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all policies, guidance and training materials, regarding how USCIS determines at what point 8 U.S.C 1367(a)(2) protections have terminated regarding a Form I-918. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000303)
- On March 10, 2020 [REDACTED] a representative with **Asylum Clinic New York Law School** in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all policies, guidance and training materials, regarding the criteria for rejection of Form I-589 Applications for Asylum by USCIS Service Centers. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000399)
- On March 10, 2020 [REDACTED] a representative with **Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) correspondence between Representative Roger Marshall (R-KS) and/or the Office of Representative Roger Marshall (R-KS) and USCIS from 1/3/2017 through 1/27/2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000401)

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- On March 11, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) congressional correspondence to or from any officials at USCIS and Representative Don Bacon (R-NE) between January 1, 2017, and March 11, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000324)
- On March 16, 2020 [redacted] a representative with the **University of New Mexico School of Law** in Albuquerque, New Mexico, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data information pertaining to applicant's legal representation from 2010 through 2019. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000413)
- On March 17, 2020 [redacted] a representative with the **Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) copies of all logs of congressional correspondence to or from any officials at USCIS and Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) between January 1, 2017, through March 16, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000341)
- On March 18, 2020 [redacted] a media representative with **Accountable.US**, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records consisting of Outlook Calendars for December 2019, through March 2020, for Ken Cuccinelli, Joseph Edlow, Larry DeNayer, Kathy Nuebel Kovarik, and AnneMarie Highsmith. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000354)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of **Justice Action Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) & United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.**, (1:20-cv-00067-RDM), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 24, 2019, seeking records pertaining to: (1) all reports, including data in the "Echo" database, showing any of the following: (a) DACA renewal processing times; (b) the number of DACA renewal requests submitted more than 150 days before expiration of their current status since September 5, 2017; (c) the dates on which the DACA grants of deferral referred to in request (1)(b) are/were scheduled to expire; (d) if applicable, the dates on which the DACA grants of deferral referred to in request (1)(b) were reviewed; and (e) if applicable, the dates on which those applications were approved; (2) all reports, including data in the "Echo" database, showing percent change in Requests For Evidence issued on DACA renewals since September 5, 2017; (3) all policies, guidance, or correspondence related to a 150-day queue or related to deferring review of DACA renewal requests rather than reviewing them in the order in which they

are received; (4) all policies, guidance, or correspondence issued since September 5, 2017, related to the processing of DACA renewals; (5) all documents and correspondence discussing the legality of proposals to implement a 150-day queue, otherwise discussing a 150-day queue, or otherwise discussing the deferral of review of DACA renewal requests rather than reviewing them in the order in which they are received; and (6) all documents, correspondence, and statistical analyses discussing the impact of proposals to: (a) hold DACA renewal requests for review until within 150 days of their expiration or (b) defer review of DACA renewal requests rather than reviewing them in the order in which they are received. On March 31, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 5 pages and one spreadsheet of records.

- In the matter of *American Immigration Council and Tahirih Justice Center v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-02965)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 5, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the use of United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers to conduct credible and/or reasonable fear interviews. On March 27, 2020, USCIS released to plaintiff 512 pages of records.
- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al.,(1:19-cv-08905-JGK)*, USCIS received a consult from the United States Department of State, Case no. F-2019-06730, on March 11, 2020, consisting of 26 pages of documents containing USCIS equities. On April 1, 2020, USCIS released to the United States Department of State 26 pages of records for direct response to the Plaintiff.

Respectfully,

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From:
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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, April 2, 2020 –April 8, 2020
Date: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 1:04:28 PM
Attachments: COW2020000436 Request.pdf
COW2020000427 Request.pdf
COW2017001506 IRAP 2042 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000274 Make the Road NY 119cv04607 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On February 24, 2020, A [redacted] a representative with the **American Immigration Council** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) written agreements or protocols between the United States and Guatemala regarding implementation of the Asylum Cooperative Agreement between the two countries signed on July 26, 2019. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000436)
- On March 23, 2020 [redacted] media representative with **American Oversight** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) email communications regarding Migrant Protection Protocols and the Remain in Mexico policies sent from named USCIS officials to include: Ken Cuccinelli, Joseph Edlow, Mark Koumans, Kathy Nuebel Kovarik, John Zadrozny, Jennifer Higgins, Robert Law, and any person serving in the capacity of Chief of Staff and White House Liaison. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000427)

- III. **Freedom of Information Act Releases**
 - N/A
- IV. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals**
 - N/A
- V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

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VI. **Litigation**

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- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-02042-ER)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 6, 2017, seeking records consisting of all guidance to USCIS employees pertaining to adjudications of humanitarian parole effective January 19, 2017. On April 2, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 24 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Make the Road New York vs. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Justice (DOJ), et al., (1:19-cv-04607)*, USCIS received a referral from the United States Department of Justice, Case no. 1:19-cv-04607, on February 28, 2020, consisting of 22 pages of documents containing USCIS equities. On April 7, 2020, USCIS released to the United States Department of Justice 22 pages of records for direct response to the Plaintiff.

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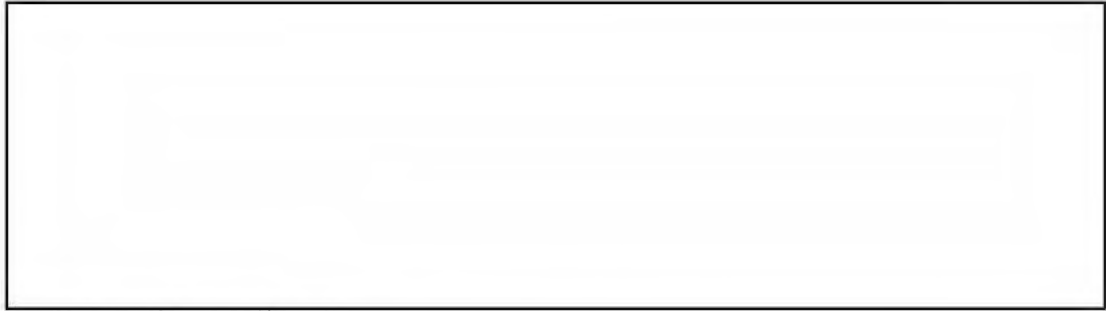
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[COW2018000789 Complaint Make the Road NY 119cv04607.pdf](#)
[NRC2019002271 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019000126 Grassroots Complaint.pdf](#)
[NRC2018098003 American Oversight Complaint.pdf](#)
[NRC2018159378 American Oversight v DHS et al 18-cv-2842 Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On April 10, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] representative with **Tulane University Law School** in New Orleans, Louisiana, one spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for fiscal years 2008 through 2018. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2019000216) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On April 15, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) released to [redacted] media representative with **Ekpress MeediaEesti** in Talinn, Estonia, 34 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late Bruno Laan. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2018001138) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00912), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On April 9, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,221 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Make the Road New York v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-04607), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records consisting of information pertaining to all USCIS communications and analyses related to the public charge regulation. On April 10, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff two Excel spreadsheets and 503 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00411-BAH), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On April 13, 2020, USCIS released 180 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Grassroots Leadership v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00530-RP), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 5, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the fee waiver policies applicable to the USCIS Violence Against Women Act, T, and U humanitarian program dating to January 1, 2017. On April 15, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,270 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:18-cv-02846), plaintiff file a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records consisting of all email communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins related to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On April 15, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 195 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (18-cv-02842-CKK), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 18, 2018, seeking all email communications from Robert Law that include: (1) email communications with a listing of 23 organizations and individuals; (2) email communications that include four listed terms; (3) email communications containing a combination of five listed word combinations; and (4) email communications containing a combination of 17 terms. On April 15, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 48 pages of records.

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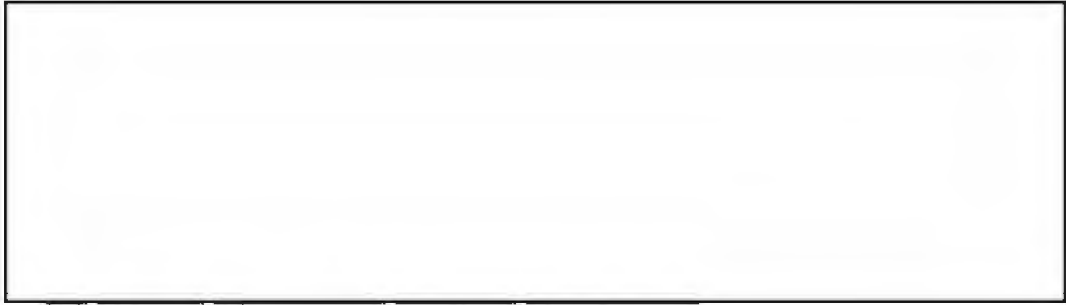
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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, April 16, 2020 –April 22, 2020
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:11:48 AM
Attachments: COW2020000463 Request.pdf
COW2020000228 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000423 Consult Response Memo.docx
Importance: High

Good morning

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On April 5, 2020, [redacted] an Individual, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) copies of all electronic records sent to, sent from, or copied to USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@uscis.dhs.gov or dhsexecsec@hq.dhs.gov from January 1, 2010, through the present day, containing the non-case sensitive keyword phrase: "American Venture Solutions". (Case Number USCIS COW2020000463)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On April 17, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with the *Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI)* in Washington, DC, three Excel spreadsheets consisting of data pertaining to U-1 visas for the fiscal years 2009 through 2019. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500565) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted] Phone: 8 [redacted] ext. 5532

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of [redacted], *L. Frank Cissna, Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (9:18-cv-01764-DCN)*, plaintiff filed a

FOIA request on June 26, 2018, seeking the following records: (1) Requestor's Alien File; (2) all documents indicating transfer of Requestor's Alien File; (3) all adjudicator's notes, memos, correspondence, communications, e-mails, legal research, factual research, intra-agency referrals for fraud, national security, or other investigations, and draft decisions or memos for any immigration benefit sought by or on behalf of the Requestor; (4) all agency-wide, Charleston Field Office, or Greer Field Office policies, memos, guidance, notes, investigations, or other documents that indicate agency or field office policy that relate to Jamaican nationals seeking marriage-based immigration benefits or naturalization after acquiring permanent residency through marriage-based immigration benefits; and (5) all marriage fraud training materials, policies, examples, or any other document provided to, created by, or distributed for the benefit of the adjudicators, supervisory adjudicators, or any other employee in the Charleston Field Office or Greer Field Office for the last two years. On April 16, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff one spreadsheet and 1,949 pages of records.

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Justice (DOJ) and United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) et al., (1:18-cv-02840-RBW)*, USCIS received a consult from the United States Department of Justice, Case no. DOJ-2018-000228, on March 30, 2020, consisting of 12 pages of documents containing USCIS equities. On April 17, 2020, USCIS released to the United States Department of Justice 12 pages of records for direct response to the Plaintiff.

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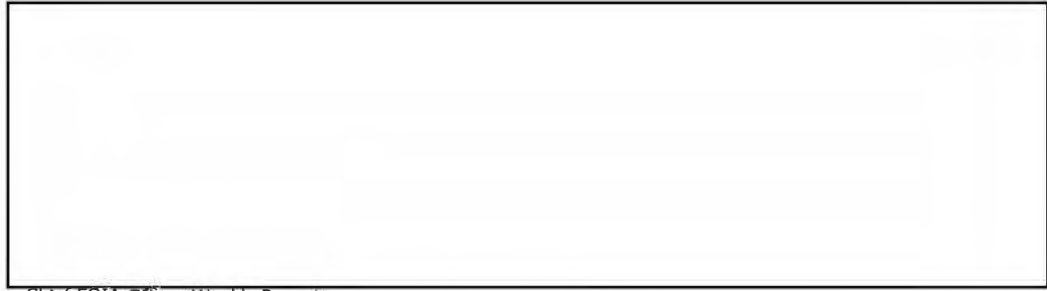
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[COW2018001215 Lawyers' Committee Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019501082 Complaint 6209417-Q-30768.pdf](#)
[COW2019500960 AIC 10.2.19 Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- N/A
- III. **Freedom of Information Act Releases**
 - N/A
- IV. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals**
 - N/A
- V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases** (b)(6)
 - For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

- VI. **Litigation**
 - In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al., (1:19-cv-08905-JGK)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of the Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations Directorate (RAIO) Combined Training Course. On April 17, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 631 pages of records.
 - In the matter of *Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of The San Francisco Bay Area v. United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (3:19-cv-01343)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2018, seeking records consisting of

training material that is given to refugee and asylum officers pertaining to how USCIS' Refugee and Asylum office (RAIO) evaluates refugee and asylum applicants who are potential gang members. On April 17, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,003 pages of records.

- In the matter of ***Democracy Forward Foundation v. U.S. Department of State, et al., 18-cv-00479-TSC (D.D.C.)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 8, 2019, seeking records pertaining to 148 pages of records deemed non-responsive from FOIA case COW2018000377 that were sent to the White House for a consult. On April 23, 2019, USCIS released to the plaintiff 148 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***American Immigration Council and Tahirih Justice Center v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-02965)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 5, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the use of United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers to conduct credible and/or reasonable fear interviews. On April 24, 2020, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 527 pages of records.

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[COW2018001215_Lawyers" Committee Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
- N/A

- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
- N/A

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On April 30, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **Human Rights First** in New York, New York, one spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to cases the USCIS Asylum Office adjudicated, disaggregated by nationality for each month in fiscal years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and any available data from 2019. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019000187) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).
- On May 1, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **University of Wisconsin-Madison** in Madison, Wisconsin, four Excel Spreadsheets consisting of all U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and USCIS congressional correspondence logs of communications from December 31, 2017, through December 31, 2018. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019000157) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).
- On May 4, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **Judicial Watch** in Washington, DC, one Excel spreadsheet of records consisting of data pertaining to EB-5 application rates and granting rates for California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont from January, 2017, through January, 2019. Portions of the release

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were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS NRC2019014636) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

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V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Justice Action Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) & United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:20-cv-00067-RDM)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 24, 2019, seeking records pertaining to: (1) all reports, including data in the “Echo” database, showing any of the following: (a) DACA renewal processing times; (b) the number of DACA renewal requests submitted more than 150 days before expiration of their current status since September 5, 2017; (c) the dates on which the DACA grants of deferral referred to in request (1)(b) are/were scheduled to expire; (d) if applicable, the dates on which the DACA grants of deferral referred to in request (1)(b) were reviewed; and (e) if applicable, the dates on which those applications were approved; (2) all reports, including data in the “Echo” database, showing percent change in Requests For Evidence issued on DACA renewals since September 5, 2017; (3) all policies, guidance, or correspondence related to a 150-day queue or related to deferring review of DACA renewal requests rather than reviewing them in the order in which they are received; (4) all policies, guidance, or correspondence issued since September 5, 2017, related to the processing of DACA renewals; (5) all documents and correspondence discussing the legality of proposals to implement a 150-day queue, otherwise discussing a 150-day queue, or otherwise discussing the deferral of review of DACA renewal requests rather than reviewing them in the order in which they are received; and (6) all documents, correspondence, and statistical analyses discussing the impact of proposals to: (a) hold DACA renewal requests for review until within 150 days of their expiration or (b) defer review of DACA renewal requests rather than reviewing them in the order in which they are received. On May 1, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 216 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On April 30, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,353 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of The San Francisco Bay Area v. United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (3:19-cv-01343)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2018, seeking records consisting of training material that is given to refugee and asylum officers pertaining to how USCIS’ Refugee and Asylum office (RAIO) evaluates refugee and asylum applicants who are potential gang members. On May 1, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,003 pages of records.

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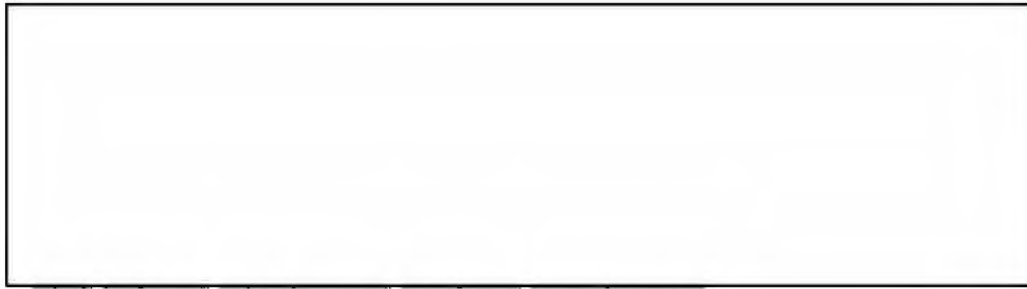
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COW2020000573 Request 4.9.20.pdf
COW2018000789 Complaint Make the Road NY 119cv04607.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On April 9, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all records, including but not limited to documents, memorandums, correspondence, and e-mails pertinent to [redacted] who began working for USCIS in 2018. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000568)
- On April 9, 2020 [redacted] an individual in Alexandria, Virginia, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all email correspondence to and from (sent and received) between Justin Legary, a current employee with the Office of Information Technology, USCIS, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and any person outside of the uscis.dhs.gov email domain for a period of January 1, 2019, through April 1, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000573)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

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- In the matter of *Make The Road New York and Center for Constitutional Rights v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-04607-BMC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records consisting of information pertaining to all USCIS communications and analyses related to the public charge regulation. On May 8, 2020, USCIS will release to the plaintiff eight spreadsheets and 211 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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From:
To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, May 14, 2020 – May 20, 2020
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:37:10 AM
Attachments: [COW2019501603 Request 11.3.19.pdf](#)
[COW2019501605 Request 11.3.19.pdf](#)
[NRC2018098003 American Oversight Complaint.pdf](#)
[NRC2019002271 Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On November 3, 2019 [redacted], a media representative with *The Information* in San Francisco, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) I-129 H1B Petitions by Facebook for beneficiaries with a country of birth of China from January 1, 2008, through November 4, 2019. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501603)
 - On November 3, 2019 [redacted], a media representative with *The Information* in San Francisco, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) I-129 H1B Petitions by IBM for beneficiaries with a country birth of India from January 1, 2008, through November 4, 2019. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501605)
- III. **Freedom of Information Act Releases**
 - On May 14, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted], a representative with *Muslim Advocates* in Washington, DC, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of data indicating the number of military naturalization applications (i.e., applications under section 328 or 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act) submitted from January 1, 2017, through the present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2018000910) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
 - IV. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals**
 - N/A

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V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

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VI. **Litigation**

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:18-cv-02846)*, on June 20, 2018, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records consisting of email communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins related to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On May, 15, 2020, USCIS released to plaintiff 234 pages.
- In the matter of *Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00411-BAH)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On May 15, 2020, USCIS released to plaintiff 291 pages of records.

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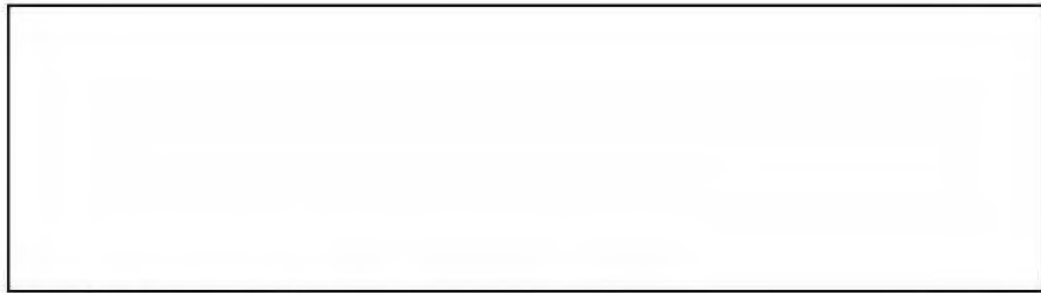
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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, May 21, 2020 – May 27, 2020
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:08:21 AM
Attachments: COW2020000668 Request 4.20.20.pdf
COW2019500446 Complaint Letter.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On April 20, 2020 [redacted], a media representative with *Baltimore Beat and Baltimore Fishbowl*, in Havertown, Pennsylvania, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to U-Visa Data for Baltimore City from January, 2017, through December, 2019. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000668)

- III. **Freedom of Information Act Releases**
 - N/A

- IV. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals**
 - N/A

- V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**
 - For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

- VI. **Litigation**
 - In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al., (1:19-cv-08905-JGK)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO) Directorate Combined Training Course. On May 26, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 422 pages of records.

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To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, May 28, 2020 – June 3, 2020
Date: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 7:12:06 AM
Attachments: [COW2020000690 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2019500734 JAC Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019500960 AIC 10.2.19 Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On April 22, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **American Oversight** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all email communications sent by Robert Law, Chief for the Office of Policy and Strategy (OP&S), to any email address ending in .com, .net, .org, .edu, or .mail. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000690)
- III. **Freedom of Information Act Releases**
 - On June 3, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted], a representative with **DCCC** in Washington, DC, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of logs of congressional correspondence to or from any officials at USCIS and Representative Dave Brat (R-VA). These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2018000208) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
 - IV. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals**
 - N/A
 - V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**
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 - VI. **Litigation**
 - In the matter of *Justice Action Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) & United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-00067-RDM), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 24, 2019, seeking records pertaining to: (1) all reports, including data in the “Echo” database, showing any of the following: (a) DACA renewal processing times; (b) the number of DACA renewal requests submitted more than 150 days

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before expiration of their current status since September 5, 2017; (c) the dates on which the DACA grants of deferral referred to in request (1)(b) are/were scheduled to expire; (d) if applicable, the dates on which the DACA grants of deferral referred to in request (1)(b) were reviewed; and (e) if applicable, the dates on which those applications were approved; (2) all reports, including data in the “Echo” database, showing percent change in Requests For Evidence issued on DACA renewals since September 5, 2017; (3) all policies, guidance, or correspondence related to a 150-day queue or related to deferring review of DACA renewal requests rather than reviewing them in the order in which they are received; (4) all policies, guidance, or correspondence issued since September 5, 2017, related to the processing of DACA renewals; (5) all documents and correspondence discussing the legality of proposals to implement a 150-day queue, otherwise discussing a 150-day queue, or otherwise discussing the deferral of review of DACA renewal requests rather than reviewing them in the order in which they are received; and (6) all documents, correspondence, and statistical analyses discussing the impact of proposals to: (a) hold DACA renewal requests for review until within 150 days of their expiration or (b) defer review of DACA renewal requests rather than reviewing them in the order in which they are received. On May 29, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 69 pages of records.

- In the matter of *American Immigration Council and Tahirih Justice Center v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-02965)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 5, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the use of United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers to conduct credible and/or reasonable fear interviews. On May 29, 2020, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 572 pages of records.

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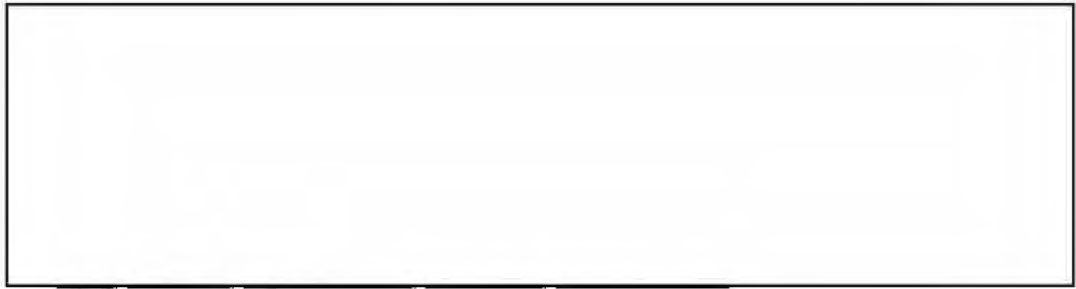
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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, June 4, 2020 – June 10, 2020
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:21:00 AM
Attachments: COW2020000758 Request 4.28.20.pdf
COW2020000772 Request 4.29.20.pdf
COW2020000781 Request.pdf
COW2020000786 Request Combined 4.30.20.pdf
COW2020000788 Request 4.30.20.pdf
COW2020000792 Request 4.30.20.pdf
COW2020000806 Request 4.30.20.pdf
COW2018000712 Complaint.pdf
NRC2018159518 Complaint.pdf
COW2018001215 Lawyers" Committee Complaint.pdf
COW2019500017 American Oversight - Complaint and Exhibits.pdf
COW2018000789 Complaint Make the Road NY 119cv04607.pdf
Importance: High

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- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On April 28, 2020 [redacted] a representative with the **Louise Trauma Center, LLC**, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Directorate (RAIO) training module “Analyzing the Persecutor Bar” from January 1, 2019, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000758)
- On April 29, 2020 [redacted] a representative with the **Louise Trauma Center** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to field training for staff at the Newark Asylum Office from January 1, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000772)
- On April 30, 2020 [redacted] a media representative with **The New York Times** in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) curriculum or lesson plan used by USCIS to train Border Patrol agents in the credible fear process. (Case

Number USCIS COW2020000781)

- On April 30, 2020 [redacted] a media representative with **RAICES** in San Antonio, Texas, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the guidance and training materials for asylum officers on assessing credible fear in infants under two years of age. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000786)
- On April 30, 2020 [redacted] a media representative with **RAICES** in San Antonio, Texas, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) any and all communication between USCIS officers and employees, including but not limited to senior and supervisor officers, with the words “Request for Reconsideration” or “RFR” in the subject line, and specifically within the Houston Asylum Office, and the following email addresses: [redacted].asylum@uscis.dhs.gov” and “rfr.houston.asylum@uscis.dhs.gov”. This information is requested regarding the period of time beginning January, 2019, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000788)
- On April 30, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Disability Rights Advocates** in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to guidance and decisions regarding applications for asylum, or under the Convention against Torture on the bases of mental health disability, status as a deportee, and conditions in prisons, jails, or psychiatric institutions in the home country. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000792)
- On April 30, 2020 [redacted] a representative with the **Louise Trauma Center** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the “National Security Training Module” for asylum officers used from January 1, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000806)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of [redacted] v. *United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-00316-RCL), plaintiff filed a

FOIA request on June 13, 2018, seeking records pertaining to any memorandums authored or signed by L. Francis Cissna mentioning the words denaturalization or denaturalize between January 1, 2017, through June 15, 2018. This should include the memorandum listed in this news article: https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/scanning-immigrants-old-fingerprints-us-threatens-to-strip-thousands-of-citizenship/2018/06/13/2230d8a2-6f2e-11e8-afd5-778aca903bbe_story.html. On June 5, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 10 pages of records.

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L. Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On June 5, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,011 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of The San Francisco Bay Area v. United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (3:19-cv-01343)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2018, seeking records consisting of training material that is given to refugee and asylum officers pertaining to how USCIS' Refugee and Asylum Office (RAIO) evaluates refugee and asylum applicants who are potential gang members. On June 5, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,118 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00774-RC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 29, 2018, seeking records pertaining communications from White House adviser Stephen Miller and his former executive assistant McLaurine Klingler on behalf of the current administration. On June 9, 2020, USCIS will release 378 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Make the Road New York and Center for Constitutional Rights v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-04607-BMC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records consisting of information pertaining to all USCIS communications and analyses related to the public charge regulation. On June 10, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 112 pages of records.

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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, June 11, 2020 – June 17, 2020
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:19:58 AM
Attachments: COW2019500962 Request 7.19.19.pdf
COW2020000871 Request 5.4.20.pdf
COW2020000872 Request 5.4.20.pdf
COW2020000887 Request 5.5.20.pdf
COW2020000612 Request 5.6.20.pdf
COW2020000910 Request Combined.pdf
COW2019501266 Complaint 9.12.19.pdf
NRC2018098003 American Oversight Complaint.pdf
NRC2019002271 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
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Late requests

- On July 29, 2019 [redacted] a representative with **American Oversight** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): (1) all calendars or calendar entries for Kenneth T. Cuccinelli, including any calendars maintained on his behalf (e.g., by an administrative assistant or scheduler). American Oversight requests that the calendars be produced in a format that includes all invitees, any notes, and all attachments; (2) all email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, and calendar invitations) sent by acting users Director Kenneth T. Cuccinelli to any email address ending in .com, .net, .org, .edu, or .mail; and (3) all records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, phone logs, voicemail transcripts, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as WhatsApp or Signal), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) with or about Stephen Miller, including but not limited to communications containing the name "Stephen Miller" or email communications sent or forwarded to, received from, copying, or blind copying

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[redacted] The requested records are for the dates from June 10, 2019, through the present. (Case Number USCIS

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COW2019500962)

- On May 4, 2020 [redacted], a representative with the **Louise Trauma Center** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the Train the Trainer instructions from asylum headquarters to asylum offices from January 1, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000871)
- On May 04, 2020 [redacted] a freelance journalist in Chicago, Illinois, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the Alien File of [redacted] [redacted] (Case Number USCIS COW2020000872)
- On May 5, 2020 [redacted] an individual in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) a copy of the PowerPoint slide show, created in 2019, that was shown to USCIS personnel to train them for implementing the new "Remain in Mexico" policy. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000887)
- On May 6, 2020 [redacted] representative with **Southern Poverty Law Center** in Miami, Florida, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the Alien File of [redacted] [redacted] (Case Number USCIS COW2020000612)
- On May 7, 2020 [redacted] a representative with the **Louise Trauma Center** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to policy changes regarding the disclosure of asylum officer assessments in Freedom of Information Act requests from 1998 through 2009. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000910)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On June 11, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] media representative with **The Associated Press** in Tustin, California, one spreadsheet consisting of annual data on I-526 petitions for fiscal year 2019. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500024) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On June 17, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **Democracy Forward Foundation** in Washington, DC, nine pages of records consisting of documents pertaining to proposed refugee admissions for FY2018 reported to Congress. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2018000217) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

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V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

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VI. **Litigation**

- In the matter of *Kids in Need of Defense v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:20-cv-00944)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 12, 2019, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all policies, guidance, training materials, and related documents pertaining to the interim final rule “Asylum Eligibility and Procedural Modifications”. On June 12, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 506 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:18-cv-02846)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records for all email communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins related to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On June 15, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 348 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00411-BAH)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On June 17, 2020, USCIS released 457 pages of records.

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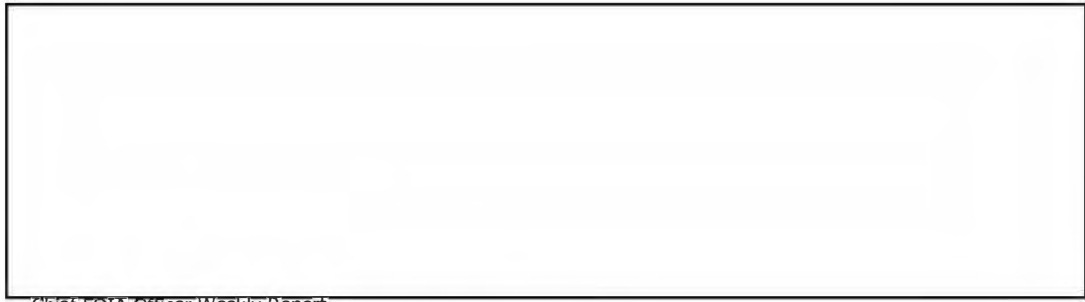
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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, June 18, 2020 – June 24, 2020
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 7:34:41 AM
Attachments: COW2020000499 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On June 19, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] with *American Immigration Lawyers Association* in Washington, DC, 27 pages of records consisting of documents pertaining to standard operating procedures for handling *prima facie* requests from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on pending U visa petitions. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2018000267) *Please note that due to the DHS SharePoint site exceeding its maximum file storage limit the documents for this release could not be uploaded. Please find attached a zip file consisting of the original request letter, the final action letter, and the responsive records.*

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Matthew L. Hoppock v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:20-cv-00316-RCL)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 11, 2018, seeking records pertaining to memorandums and guidance, excluding emails, related to the current process of denaturalization review, the new process of denaturalization review, the establishment of any new offices (including the forthcoming one expected for Los Angeles), and any available reports regarding cases reviewed and new recommendations for

denaturalization from January 20, 2017, through July 19, 2018 . On June 19, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 291 pages of records.

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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, June 25, 2020 – July 1, 2020
Date: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:59:35 AM
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COW2020001034 Request.pdf
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COW2020001149 Request.pdf
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 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On May 14, 2020, [redacted] a media representative with *The Marshall Project* in New York City, New York, requested from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data on the number of petitions for naturalizations filed as of December, 2019, through June 24, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000980)
- On May 15, 2020, [redacted] a media representative with *The Marshall Project*, in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the number of petitions for naturalization filed broken down by state from January 1, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000995)
- On May 18, 2020, [redacted] a media representative with *American Oversight* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) information regarding the creation of the Office of the Immigration Detention Ombudsman. The requested records are for October 1, 2019, through June 25, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001033)

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- On May 18, 2020 [redacted] a media representative with ***American Oversight*** in Washington, DC, requested from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all email communications between Julie Kirchner (Ombudsman) and the following USCIS Officials: Ken Cuccinelli (Acting Deputy Secretary/Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director), John Zadrozny (Acting Chief of Staff) and Joseph Edlow (Deputy Director for Policy). Please provide all responsive records from October 1, 2019, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001034)
- On May 20, 2020 [redacted] a media representative with ***Smithsonian Magazine*** in New York City, New York, requested from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File for the late Herman Frederick Marks. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001049)
- On May 29, 2020 [redacted] a representative with ***American Oversight*** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all emails from USCIS leadership regarding listed terms from January 20, 2019, through June 30, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001149)
- On May 29, 2020 [redacted] a representative with ***American Oversight*** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) statistics pertaining to pregnant women and asylum, Migrant Protect Protocols, and re-entry data from January 20, 2019, through June 30, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001150)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

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IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

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V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of ***International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al., (1:19-cv-08905-JGK)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations Directorate (RAIO) Combined Training Course. On July 1, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 379 pages of records
- In the matter of ***American Immigration Council and Tahirih Justice Center v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-02965)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 5, 2019,

seeking records pertaining to the use of United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers to conduct credible and/or reasonable fear interviews. On June 26, 2020, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 521 pages of records.

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On June 30, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,456 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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From:
To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, July 2, 2020 – July 8, 2020
Date: Wednesday, July 08, 2020 11:44:43 AM
Attachments: COW2020001205 Request.pdf
COW2020000927 Request.pdf
COW2020001345 Request.pdf
COW2020001383 Request 6.18.20.pdf
COW2020001385 Request 6.18.20.pdf
COW2018001215 Lawyers' Committee Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On June 1, 2020, [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) statistical data pertaining to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival recipients and applicants from August 15, 2012, through July 1, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001205)
- On June 12, 2020, [redacted] a representative with *Michigan State University College of Law in East Lansing*, Michigan, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) emails and statistical data pertaining to Form I-865, Sponsor's Notice of Change of Address. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000927)
- On June 16, 2020, [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all calendars or calendar entries for former USCIS Deputy Director Mark Koumans from May 1, 2019, through February 28, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001345)
- On June 18, 2020, [redacted] a media representative with *Columbia University* in New York City, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all email correspondence from L. Francis Cissna, Joseph Edlow, and Jennifer Higgins that contains "LGBT," "LTBTQ," "LGBT+" "gay," "lesbian," "sexual minority," "sexual minorities." from January 1, 2020, through July 7, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001383)

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- On June 18, 2020, [redacted] a representative with **America Rising** in Arlington, Virginia, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to EB-5 compliance reviews of the Northern Rockies Regional Center LLC and EB-5 applications for specified projects. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001385)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs. ov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of The San Francisco Bay Area v. United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (3:19-cv-01343)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2018, seeking records consisting of training material that is given to refugee and asylum officers pertaining to how USCIS' Refugee and Asylum office (RAIO) evaluates refugee and asylum applicants who are potential gang members. On July 2, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,407 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, July 9, 2020 – July 15, 2020
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:34:15 AM
Attachments: [COW2020000540 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020001445 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020001396 Referral Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020001389 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020001476 Request 6.25.20.pdf](#)
[COW2020001524 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020001529 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020001517 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2018000543 Louise Trauma Ctr Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2018000789 Complaint Make the Road NY 119cv04607.pdf](#)
[COW2019501266 Kids in need of Defense Complaint 9.12.19.pdf](#)
[NRC2018098003 American Oversight Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On April 6, 2020, [redacted] a representative with **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)** in Silver Spring, Maryland, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) policies for the adjudication of adjustment of status applications for Temporary Protective Status. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000540)
- On May 5, 2020, [redacted] a representative with **Catholic Legal Information Network, Inc. (CLINIC)** in Silver Spring, Maryland, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) information on guidance pertaining to Asylum interviews of prior unaccompanied children placed in removal proceedings. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001445)
- On June 16, 2020, the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** referred a set of documents to the **United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**. The documents consist of 123 pages of records pertaining to emails and draft policy directives regarding Section 14 of January 25, 2017, *Executive Order: Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States*. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001396)
- On June 19, 2020, [redacted] a representative with **Contreras &**

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Metelska in St. Paul, Minnesota, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) information on Standard Operating Procedures for U-nonimmigrant adjudication, adjustment of status, revocation of status, waivers of inadmissibility, and records relating to employment and hiring at the Vermont Service Center. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001389)

- On June 25, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Wasden Banias LLC** in Charleston, South Carolina, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): (1) records pertaining to performance metrics for adjudication of I-918 applications under 8 USC 1101(a)(15)(U) for the last five years; and (2) emails between [redacted] and any employee or contractor at the Vermont Service Center or Nebraska Service Center related to I-918 applications for the last five years. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001476)
- On June 30, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Columbia Law School** in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records of all written agency and in-field policies, directives, memos, and email communications pertaining to the criteria used to determine whether to classify or designate pregnant migrants to the Migrant Protection Protocols program. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001524)
- On June 30, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, INC (CLINIC)** in Silver Spring, Maryland, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) guidance on procedures pertaining to the adjudication of Form I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petitions (Case Number USCIS COW2020001529)
- On July 1, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Texas Civil Rights Project** in Alamo, Texas, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) any records or communications establishing procedures for deciding whether individuals will be processed through the Asylum Cooperation Agreements, Humanitarian Asylum Review Process, Prompt Asylum Claim Review, or Title 42 Expulsions (Operation CAPIO or COVID-19 CAPIO) programs. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001517)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of **Louise Trauma Center LLC v. United States Department of Homeland Security, (1:20-cv-01128-TNM)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 30, 2018, seeking records consisting of "all labor agreements between the CIS and asylum officers, dated January 1, 2017, through June 1, 2018". On July 9, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 210 pages of records.

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In the matter of *Make The Road New York and Center for Constitutional Rights v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-04607-BMC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records consisting of information pertaining to all USCIS communications and analyses related to the public charge regulation. On July 9, 2020, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 53 pages of records.

- In the matter of *Kids in Need of Defense v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:20-cv-00944)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 12, 2019, seeking records consisting of any policies, guidance, training materials, frequently asked questions lists, related documents, and transmission memos/cover e-mails pertaining to the interim final rule “Asylum Eligibility and Procedural Modifications,” 84 Fed. Reg. 33,829 (July 16, 2019). On July 15, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 496 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS) et al., (1:18-cv-02846)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records for all email communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins related to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On July 15, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 240 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, July 16, 2020 – July 22, 2020
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:57:51 PM
Attachments: CNT2020000067 Request Combined.pdf
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COW2020001608 Request.pdf
COW2020001620 Request 7.8.20.pdf
NRC2019002271 Asian Americans Adv Justice Complaint.pdf
COW2019501191 19-3421 Summons TAAFFE complaint.pdf
COW2019501325 19-3421 Summons TAAFFE Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On July 08, 2020, [redacted] a media representative with *The Washington Post*, in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to USCIS Contract 70SBUR19C00000017 for the printing of Employment Authorization Documents. (Case Number USCIS CNT2020000067)
- On July 08, 2020 [redacted] a media representative with *The Washington Post*, in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to USCIS Contract 70SBUR19C00000010 for the printing of Employment Authorization Documents. (Case Number USCIS CNT2020000068)
- On July 08, 2020 [redacted] a professor at **Columbia Law School** and representative with **Santa Fe Dreamers Project**, in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the Third-Country Asylum Rule and Reasonable Fear Interviews. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001608)
- On July 8, 2020, [redacted] a representative with *The Washington Post* in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records documenting Employment Authorization Document productivity at the Office of Intake and Document Production for FY2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001620)

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III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On July 20, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] with *Center for Constitutional Rights* in New York, New York, 18 pages of records pertaining to communications relating to the development, drafting, purpose, publication, interpretation, implementation and/or effect of the Executive Order, a travel ban and/or an immigration ban. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2017000192)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00411-BAH)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On July 17, 2020, USCIS released 272 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, (1:19-cv-03421-CJN)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 3, 2019, seeking records from June 1, 2019, through the present date, for Kenneth T. Cuccinelli consisting of: (1) any conflicts or ethics waivers or authorizations including authorizations pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 2635.502; (2) records reflecting any recusal determination made or issued; and (3) copies of any SF-50 forms reflecting any change in position or title, including when he enters or leaves a position. On July 22, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 4 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, (1:19-cv-03421-CJN)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 23, 2019, seeking records of all decision memoranda, directives, or policy interpretations or guidance signed, approved, or otherwise adopted by Acting Director Cuccinelli. This request includes any document establishing, modifying, clarifying or rescinding any USCIS policy, legal or policy interpretation, or practice, whether presented as a memorandum, letter, guidance document, or in any other form. On July 22, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 190 pages of records.

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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, July 23, 2020 – July 29, 2020
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 9:23:14 AM
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COW2020001698 Request.pdf
COW2020001811 Request.pdf
COW2018000633 & COW2018000638 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000340 20-0618 IIUSA complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On July 16, 2020 [redacted] an individual in Palm City, Florida, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) records pertaining to the USCIS Office of Investigations 2020 furlough process including: (1) all retention registers; (2) all competitive areas and competitive levels lists; (3) all laws, rules, and regulations relied upon by USCIS to formulate the retention registers, competitive areas and competitive levels list; and (4) all documents containing instructions issued to management regarding the retention registers, competitive area, and competitive levels. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001607)
- On July 16, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *Democratic National Committee* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all emails sent or received by Ken Cuccinelli between May 27, 2020, through June 7, 2020, regarding key terms pertaining to recent protests. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001698)
- On July 20, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): (1) records pertaining to SF-50s for any political appointees at the GS-13 level or higher; and (2) records sent from USCIS to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management regarding conversions to non-political excepted service or career Senior Executive Service positions. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001811)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

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IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *New York Immigration Coalition, Immigrant Justice Corps v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-06693)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 22, 2018, seeking records from 2016 to present, pertaining to Applications for Employment Authorization Documents Forms I-765 and I-765V. On July 24, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 655 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Invest in the USA (IIUSA) v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-00618-JBD)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 16, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most current and up-to-date USCIS EB-5 Adjudicator training materials for adjudicating EB-5 related petitions submitted before November 21, 2019, including PowerPoint or other presentations, memoranda and manuals. On July 31, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 524 pages of records.

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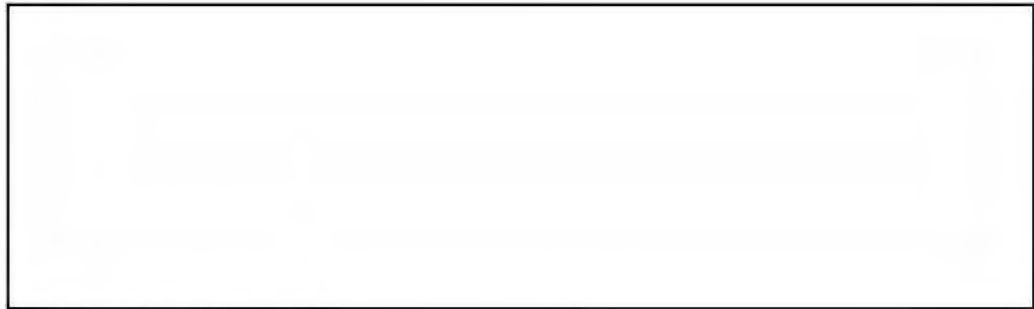
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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, July 30, 2020 – August 5, 2020
Date: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 7:21:10 AM
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[COW2020001924 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020001843 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020001860 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2019500960 AIC 10.2.19 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW201501574 American Oversight v. DHS Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019501784 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2020000340 20-0618 IUUSA complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019500675 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019500446 IRAP Complaint.pdf](#)
[NRC2018159518 American Oversight Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On July 30, 2020, [redacted] an individual in Spencerport, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) approvals for the requests that the Office of Human Capital and Training (HCT) submitted to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to reduce the minimum notification for potential furlough. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001883)

Late requests

- On July 16, 2020, [redacted] an individual in Roseland, New Jersey, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the retention register(s) and related record(s) pertaining to their furlough notice. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001924)
- On July 23, 2020, [redacted] an individual in Norco, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) records pertaining to the USCIS furlough and retention register. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001843)
- On July 29, 2020, [redacted] an individual in Dublin, Ireland, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of the late Patrick Gallagher. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001860)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On August 5, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

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(USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *BuzzFeed News* in Beverly Hills, California, three pages of records pertaining to terminations of deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals process. These records are released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2017000819) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

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- In the matter of *American Immigration Council and Tahirih Justice Center v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-02965), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 5, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the use of United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers to conduct credible and/or reasonable fear interviews. On July 31, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 524 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.* (1:20-cv-00652-RC), the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 8, 2019, seeking any final policies, procedures, protocols, instructions or guidance regarding the transfer of responsibility for credible fear interview from asylum officers within USCIS to law enforcement agents within CBP. On July 31, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 524 pages records.
- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center LLC v. United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-01128-TNM), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 27, 2019, seeking records pertaining to, "training materials and other documents that inform how processors determine harm according to the 2016 FOIA Improvement Act when processing A-file requests.". On July 31, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,103 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Invest in the USA (IIUSA)v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-00618-JBD), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 16, 2019, seeking records pertaining to **most current and up-to-date USCIS EB-5 Adjudicator training materials for adjudicating EB-5 related petitions submitted before November 21, 2019, including PowerPoint or other presentations, memoranda and manuals.** On July 31, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 524 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center LLC v. United States Department of Homeland Security*, (1:20-cv-01384), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 25, 2019, seeking records pertaining to; "Asylum officer lesson plans, materials, instructions, and guidance using during the class for new officers July 2019". On August 3, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 43 pages of records.
- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance project v. United States Department of State, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-08905-JGK), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum

and International Operations Directorate Combine Training Course. On August 4, 2020, USCIS release to the plaintiff 561 pages of records.

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records consisting of all calendars or calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, anyone who has served as White House Liaison since January 20, 2017, and Robert Law. On August 4, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,494 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, August 6, 2020 – August 12, 2020
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 2:32:42 PM
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[COW2020001964 Request Combined.pdf](#)
[COW2020000426 Complaint 20-cv-03619 Pangea Legal Svcs v USCIS \(ND Calif\).pdf](#)
[COW2019000126 Grassroots Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2018000846 20-cv-00316 Hoppock v USCIS \(DDC\) Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2018000789 Complaint Make the Road NY 119cv04607.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On May 8, 2020, [redacted], a representative with **National Immigration Justice Center** in Chicago, Illinois, requested from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all records relating to [redacted] [redacted] (Case Number USCIS NRC2020074772)
 - On August 4, 2020, [redacted], a representative with the **Louise Trauma Center LLC** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining Residential Basic Training for newly-hired asylum officers from May 1, 2020, to the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001964)
- III. **Freedom of Information Act Releases**
 - On August 12, 2020, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will release to [redacted] a representative with **Human Rights First** in New York, New York, 149 pages of records consisting of information pertaining to the closure of United States-Mexico border to asylum seekers during the COVID-19 outbreak. These records are released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001427) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
 - IV. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals**

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V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

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VI. **Litigation**

- In the matter of *Pangea Legal Services v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*, (3:20-cv-03619), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 10, 2020, seeking any and all internal guidance relating to the processing of I-730 petitions for beneficiaries with prior orders of removal, including, but not limited to internal policies, procedures, protocols, guidance, training materials, and memorandums relating to the processing of I-730 petitions. On August 6, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 5 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Grassroots Leadership v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)* (1:19-cv-00530-RP), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 5, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the fee waiver policies applicable to the USCIS Violence Against Women Act, T, and U humanitarian program dating to January 1, 2017. On August 10, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff six spreadsheets and 3,185 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center LLC v. United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-00316-RCL), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 11, 2018, seeking records pertaining to: (1) any lease agreements for the office described in multiple recent news reports in Los Angeles, where the USCIS's efforts to denaturalize US citizens will be focused. A Miami Herald article dated July 9, 2019 states that USCIS has opened "an office in Los Angeles specifically to work on these [denaturalization] cases" and that "Staffers have been working at the new office since January 2017, which the agency says will be the central office for reviewing potential denaturalization cases".
<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article214173489.html>;
(2) the record referenced in the Miami Herald article lined above that described the "algorithm" used to select the "700,000 files" the agency is now reviewing for denaturalization; (3) in addition to the records requested above, I also request records describing the processing of this request, including records sufficient to identify search terms used and locations and custodians searched and any tracking sheets used to track the processing of this request. If you use FOIA questionnaires or certifications completed by individual custodians or components to determine whether they possess responsive materials or to describe how they conducted searches, I also request any such records prepared in connections with the processing of this request. On August 10, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 27 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Make the Road New York and Center for Constitutional Rights v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-04607-BMC), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records consisting of information pertaining to all USCIS communications and analyses related to the public charge regulation. On August 11, 2020, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 101

pages of records.

Respectfully,

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From:
To:



Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, August 13, 2020 – August 19, 2020
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 2:03:09 PM
Attachments: REM2020000003 Request.pdf
COW2020002022 Request.pdf
COW2019501266 Kids in need of Defense Complaint 9.12.19.pdf
NRC2018098003 American Oversight Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On July 31, 2020, [redacted] a representative with **The Catholic University of America**, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of the late Feodor Fedorenko. (Case Number USCIS REM2020000003)
 - On August 7, 2020, [redacted] a representative with **Boston University School of Law** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to T-1 nonimmigrant status applications for victims of trafficking. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002022)
- III. **Freedom of Information Act Releases**
 - On August 19, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **Bloomberg Law** in Arlington, Virginia, 1,966 pages consisting of records related to copies of any and all databases tracking receipt and/or outcome of messages submitted to ReportH1BAbuse@uscis.dhs.gov and ReportH2BAbuse@uscis.dhs.gov from April 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to the FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2018000081) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
 - IV. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals**
 - N/A
 - V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**
 - For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email:

[redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Kids in Need of Defense v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-00944), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 12, 2019, seeking records consisting of any policies, guidance, training materials, frequently asked questions lists, related documents, and transmission memos/cover e-mails pertaining to the interim final rule “Asylum Eligibility and Procedural Modifications,” 84 Fed. Reg. 33,829 (July 16, 2019). On August 14, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 491 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS) et al.*, (1:18-cv-02846), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records for all e-mail communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins related to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On August 14, 2020, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 303 pages of records.

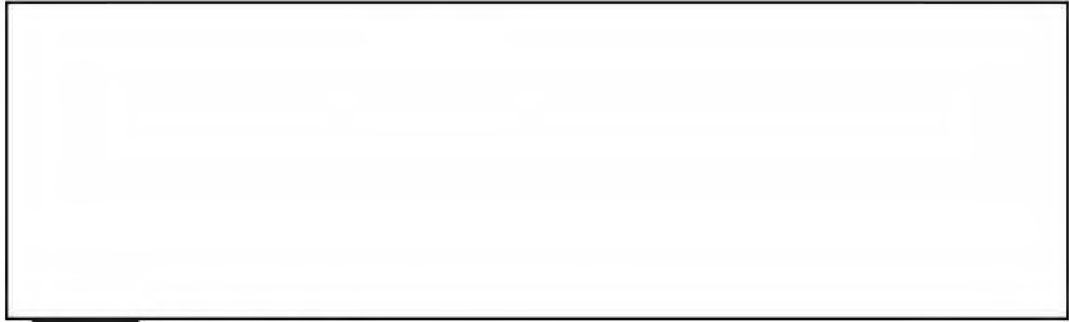
Respectfully,

[redacted]

Supervisory Government Information Specialist
Freedom of Information Act
National Records Center
United States Citizenship and Immigration Service

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From:
To:



Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, August 20, 2020 – August 26, 2020
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 7:36:34 AM
Attachments: COW2020002056 Evers Request.pdf
COW2019501369_19-3421 Summons TAAFFE Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On August 10, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to calendars and calendar entries from January 1, 2020, through the present for the following USCIS Officials: (1) anyone serving as Director, including Ken Cuccinelli, and anyone in an acting capacity, or performing the duties of the Director; (2) Joseph Edlow, Deputy Director for Policy; (3) Kathy Nuebel Kovarik, Chief of Staff; and (4) Robert Law, Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002056)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov. Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, (1:19-cv-03421-CJN)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 27, 2019, seeking records from June 1, 2019, through the present date, for (1) records sufficient to identify all employees who entered into a position at USCIS as "political appointees" since June 1, 2019, and the title or position of each employee (to the extent that such individuals have held multiple titles or positions since June 1, 2019, identify each title or position). This request

includes any individual who had been a political appointee prior to June 1, 2019, but changed positions following that time; (2) records sufficient to identify all career employees who have been detailed into the Office of the Director since June 1, 2019, the title or position of each employee while on detail, and each employee's originating agency or component , and prior title (to the extent that such individuals have held multiple titles or positions since June 1, 2019, identify each title or position); (3) for each individual identified in response to Parts 1 and 2 of this request: a. the resume provided by the individual to the agency in connection with determining the appropriate salary for the individual, or, if that is not available, a recent resume contained within the agency's records, b. any conflicts or ethics waivers or authorizations issued for the individual, including authorizations pursuant to 5 C.F.R. sec. 2635.502, c. records reflecting any recusal determination made or issued for the individual, and d. copies of any SF-50 forms for the individual reflecting any change in position or title, including when the employee enters or leaves a position; and (4) records sufficient to show any changes in USCIS leadership since June 1, 2019, including but not limited to any new or updated USCIS organizational charts. On August 21, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 71 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, August 27, 2020 – September 2, 2020
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2020 10:15:23 AM
Attachments: COW2020002057 Request.pdf
COW2018000160 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000426 Complaint 20-cv-03619 Pangea Legal Svcs v USCIS (ND Calif).pdf
COW2019501574 American Oversight v. DHS Complaint.pdf
COW2020000340 20-0618 IIUSA complaint.pdf
COW2020000593 Complaint 220 cv 00889.pdf
COW2020000936 Complaint DC 2020cv00706 - OPEN SOCIETY JUSTICE INITIATIVE v. DOJ.pdf
NRC2018159518 American Oversight Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On August 15, 2020 [redacted] an individual in Sperryville, Virginia, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records to determine how the performance of the USCIS Asylum Division, its staff and its leadership were being evaluated prior to my removal as head of the USCIS Asylum Division, and determine the reasons and legality of my removal from my position as the Chief of the USCIS Asylum Division. Additionally, e-mails between October 1, 2018, to present discussing -John Lafferty, and/or the chief, leader or head of the Asylum Division, and/or the USCIS asylum division more generally, and/or-the performance of the USCIS asylum division or program, its leadership, and/or its staff in carrying out their work in adjudicating affirmative asylum applications, credible/reasonable fear screenings, screenings under the Migrant Protection Protocol; and/or - the decision to issue or include John Lafferty and/or others in the USCIS Asylum Division as recipients of any USCIS Director or DHS Secretary awards, including any reaction to issuing or including John Lafferty in such awards; and/or-the removal/reassignment of John Lafferty from his position as chief of the USCIS Asylum Division, including who would replace John Lafferty and any contacts or communication with individuals about becoming the Chief of the USCIS Asylum Division dated either before or after the August 26, 2019, letter from Ken Cuccinelli to John Lafferty that informed John Lafferty of his reassignment to the Deputy Director position at the Potomac Service Center, and/or-the reasons for removing/reassigning John Lafferty from his position as Chief of the USCIS Asylum Division, and/or-the basis for John Lafferty's 2019 SES performance

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evaluation, including the decision to give him the rating that he received and the decision by Ken Cuccinelli to sign off on the evaluation; and/or-the legality of the decision to remove/reassign John Lafferty from his position as Chief of the USCIS Asylum Division. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002057)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On September 1, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] 794 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late Alexander Orlov. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2018000190) The release documents were attached to the original release notification.
- On September 2, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *The Washington Post*, in New York, New York, 163 pages of records pertaining to USCIS Contract 70SBUR19C00000017 for the printing of Employment Authorization Documents. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4 and 6. (Case Number USCIS CNT2020000067) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Muslim Advocates et al v. United States Department of State et al, 1:18-cv-01546-TSC*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 6, 2018 seeking any policies resulting from presidential proclamation 9645, from September 24, 2017 clarifying EO 13780. On August 27, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,626 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Pangea Legal Services v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), (3:20-cv-03619)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 10, 2020, seeking any and all internal guidance relating to the processing of I-730 petitions for beneficiaries with prior orders of removal, including, but not limited to internal policies, procedures, protocols, guidance, training materials, and memorandums relating to the processing of I-730 petitions. On August 27, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 2,324 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v DHS et al. (1:20-cv-00652-RC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 8, 2019, seeking any final policies, procedures, protocols, instructions or guidance regarding the transfer of responsibility for credible fear interview from asylum officers within USCIS to law enforcement agents within CBP. On August 28th, 2020, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 505 pages records.
- In the matter of *Invest in the USA (IIUSA)v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-00618-JBD)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 16, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most current and up-to-date USCIS EB-5 Adjudicator training materials for adjudicating EB-5 related petitions submitted before November 21, 2019, including PowerPoint or other presentations, memoranda and manuals. On August 28, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 479 pages of records.

In the matter of [redacted], *U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services*

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(USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (2:20-cv-00889), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 12, 2020, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) USCIS mail room rejection guidance on forms I-589 and I-485. On August 28, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 167 pages of records.

- In the matter of *Open Society Justice Initiative v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-00706-RC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 26, 2018, seeking records pertaining to implementation of civil and criminal denaturalization procedures in the United States. On August 28, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 463 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On August 28, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,451 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, September 3, 2020 – September 9, 2020
Date: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 7:54:38 AM
Attachments: COW2020002183 Request.pdf
COW2020000396 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On August 20, 2020, [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to emails with key search terms from March 15, 2020, through the present for the following USCIS Officials: (1) anyone serving as Director, including Ken Cuccinelli, and anyone in an acting capacity, or performing the duties of the Director; (2) Joseph Edlow, Deputy Director for Policy; (3) Kathy Nuebel Kovarik, Chief of Staff; (4) Robert Law, Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy; (5) John Zadrozny; (6) Ann Marie Highsmith; and (7) anyone serving in the role of White House Liaison. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002183)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On September 4, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **The Protect Democracy Project** in New York, New York, 60 pages of records consisting of communications involving any White House employee pertaining to the defense or implementation of the document entitled “Executive Order: Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States.” Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2017000188) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here](#) to view.

- On September 8, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a member of the news media working for *The El Nuevo Herald* in Miami, Florida, one Excel sheet consisting of

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information pertaining to the number of Cuban professionals that benefited from the Cuban Medical Professional Parole during its active years (2006-2017). These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019000230) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A (b)(6)

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Urban Justice Center v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*, (1:20-cv-03691), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 9th, 2020, seeking records with information pertaining to the implementation of an alert posted on USCIS's website on or around December 30, 2019, stating that USCIS may reject a Form I-918 or I-918 Supplement A if the applicant does not complete all non-optional fields on those forms. On September 4, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 314 pages of records.

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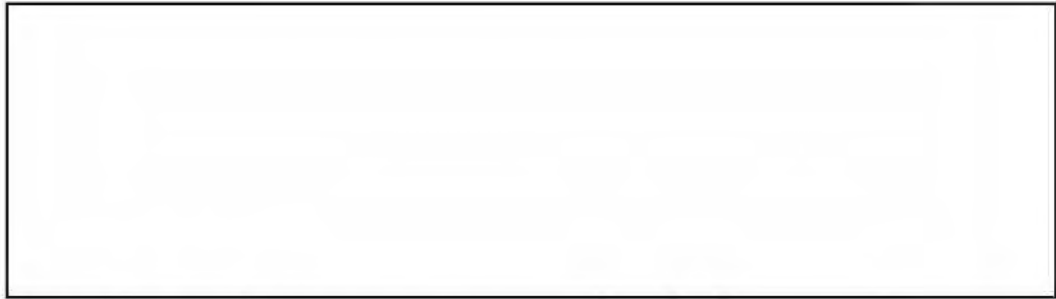
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From:
To:



Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, September 10, 2020 – September 16, 2020
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 12:10:16 PM
Attachments: NRC2020089843 Request.pdf
COW2020002284 Request.pdf
COW2020002308 Request.pdf
COW2018000789 Complaint Make the Road NY 119cv04607.pdf
NRC2019002271 Asian Americans Adv Justice Complaint.pdf
COW2020000218 Complaint 20-cv-02108.pdf
COW2020002119 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501266 Kids in need of Defense Complaint 9.12.19 Last production.pdf
NRC2018098003 American Oversight Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On June 15, 2020, [redacted] a representative with **McCandlish Holton, PC**, in Richmond, Virginia, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the Alien File of Arie Kotler. (Case Number USCIS NRC2020089843)
- On August 26, 2020, [redacted], a media representative with **KPBS News** in San Diego, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the naturalization application for [redacted] [redacted] Case Number USCIS COW2020002284)
- On August 27, 2020, **Enrique Figueroa**, a media representative with **McGee Media** in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File for the late Jin Pil Chang. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002308)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On September 10, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **The Washington Post**, in New York, New York, 93 pages of records pertaining to USCIS Contract 70SBUR19C00000010 for the printing of Employment Authorization Documents. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4 and 6. (Case Number USCIS CNT2020000068)

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On September 16, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] an individual in La Canada, California, 153 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late Shyamala Gopalan Harris. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2020000453) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Make the Road New York v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-04607), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records consisting of information pertaining to all USCIS communications and analyses related to the public charge regulation. On September 10, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 89 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00411-BAH), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On September 11, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 71 pages of records.
- In the matter of [redacted] *v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*, (20-cv-2108), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 18, 2020, seeking records pertaining to, to H1 and L1 data sets for the last five years, as described in parts 1-22, for Approvals, Denials, and Request for Evidence numbers. On September 14, 2020 USCIS released to the plaintiff one Excel data set with 18 tabs.

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- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-08905-JGK), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO) Directorate Combined Training Course. On September 14, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 53 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Kids in Need of Defense v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-00944), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 12, 2019, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all policies, guidance, training materials, and related documents pertaining to the interim final rule "Asylum Eligibility and Procedural Modifications". On September 15, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 435 pages of records.

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS) et al., (1:18-cv-02846)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records for all email communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins related to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On September 15, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 220 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, September 17, 2020 – September 23, 2020
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 9:51:07 AM
Attachments: [COW2020002458 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2019500962 Complaint 19-3421 Summons TAAFFE.pdf](#)
[COW2020000426 Complaint 20-cv-03619 Pangea Legal Svcs v USCIS \(ND Calif\).pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On August 24, 2020, [redacted] a media representative with *BuzzFeed News* in Los Angeles, California, filed an appeal to a previous FOIA request, USCIS COW2019501088, which had been closed because the request was not described in sufficient detail to allow an agency employee to locate those records with a reasonable amount of effort. The appeal was upheld for parts 1 through 5 of the request and a search will be done for parts 6 and 7. Part (6) Ken Cuccinelli's calendar and appointment book; and part (7) Ken Cuccinelli's phone call log. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002458)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On September 17, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with *Catholic Charities of Central Texas*, in Austin, Texas, 20 pages of records consisting of: a memorandum, Cooper, Gen. Counsel, HXCOU90/15-P (undated, c. 1999). These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500331) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).
- On September 18, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *Migration Policy Institute*, 34 spreadsheets consisting of data pertaining to individuals approved for Lawful Permanent Residence in fiscal years 2001 to February 25, 2019. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019000180) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).

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- On September 21, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

(USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *Deadspin* in Brooklyn, New York, 10 pages of records consisting of internal communications on the handling of professional wrestling visa requests. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500511) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

- On September 23, 2020, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *Pro Publica* in New York, New York, two spreadsheets of records consisting of: (1) a list of all currently authorized civil surgeons; and (2) a list of all civil surgeons authorized by year, from 2000 to the present. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500192) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

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V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, (1:19-cv-03421-CJN)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 29, 2019, seeking records from June 1, 2019, through the present date, for (1) all calendars or calendar entries for Kenneth T. Cuccinelli, including any calendars maintained on his behalf (e.g., by an administrative assistant or scheduler). American Oversight requests that the calendars be produced in a format that includes all invitees, any notes, and all attachments; (2) all email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, and calendar invitations) sent by acting users Director Kenneth T. Cuccinelli to any email address ending in .com, .net, .org, .edu, or .mail; and (3) all records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, phone logs, voicemail transcripts, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as WhatsApp or Signal), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) with or about Stephen Miller, including but not limited to communications containing the name "Stephen Miller" or email communications sent or forwarded to, received from, copying, or blind copying [redacted]. On September 22, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 950 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Pangea Legal Services v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), (3:20-cv-03619)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 10, 2020, seeking any and all internal guidance relating to the processing of I-730 petitions for beneficiaries with prior orders of removal, including, but not limited to internal policies, procedures, protocols, guidance, training materials, and memorandums relating to the processing of I-730 petitions. On September 23, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,809 pages of records.

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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, September 24, 2020 – September 30, 2020
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Attachments: [COW2020002590 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2019500960 AIC 10.2.19 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019501574 American Oversight v. DHS Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019501598 American Oversight v. DHS Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2020000340 20-0618 IIUSA Complaint.pdf](#)
[NRC2018159518 American Oversight Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On September 15, 2020, [redacted] a representative with *The Democratic National Committee*, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records consisting of emails between USCIS leadership containing the key words RNC, R.N.C., Republican, Convention, White House, and Hatch. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002590)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On September 24, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project** in New York, New York, two pages of records consisting of data pertaining to Credible Fear Interview caseload, inland, for FYs 2018-2019. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2018001252) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On September 24, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *Thomson Reuters News*, in San Francisco, California, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to T-Visa applications, approvals, and denials by country of citizenship for the fiscal years 2013-2019. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500223) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On September 28, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service

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(USCIS) released [redacted] a representative with the **Office of the Mayor of Seattle, Washington** in Seattle, Washington, 607 pages of records and 11 Excel spreadsheets consisting of information pertaining to the drafting, interpretation, enforcement and implementation of Executive Order 13768. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2017000224) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

- On September 30, 2020, ~~United States~~ Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **Live 5 News** in Charleston, South Carolina, one spreadsheet consisting of the total number of applicants by non-U.S. citizens seeking asylum in the U.S. filed in the state of South Carolina from January, 2018, through the present. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500719) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On September 30, 2020, ~~the United States~~ Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with the **North American Punjabi Association** in Milpitas, California, two pages of records and one Excel Spreadsheet consisting of data on persons of Indian origin who applied for and was granted political asylum from 2016 through the present. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500760) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

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- In the matter of ***American Immigration Council and Tahirih Justice Center v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-02965)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 5, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the use of United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers to conduct credible and/or reasonable fear interviews. On September 25, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,270 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***American Oversight v DHS et al. (1:20-cv-00652-RC)***, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 8, 2019, seeking any final policies, procedures, protocols, instructions or guidance regarding the transfer of responsibility for credible fear interview from asylum officers within USCIS to law enforcement agents within CBP. On September 25, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 510 pages records.
- In the matter of ***Invest in the USA (IIUSA)v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-00618-JBD)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 16, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most current and up-to-date USCIS EB-5 Adjudicator training materials for adjudicating EB-5 related petitions submitted before November 21, 2019, including PowerPoint or other presentations, memoranda and manuals. On September 30, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 116 pages of records.

In the matter of ***American Oversight v. United States Department of***

Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On September 30, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,508 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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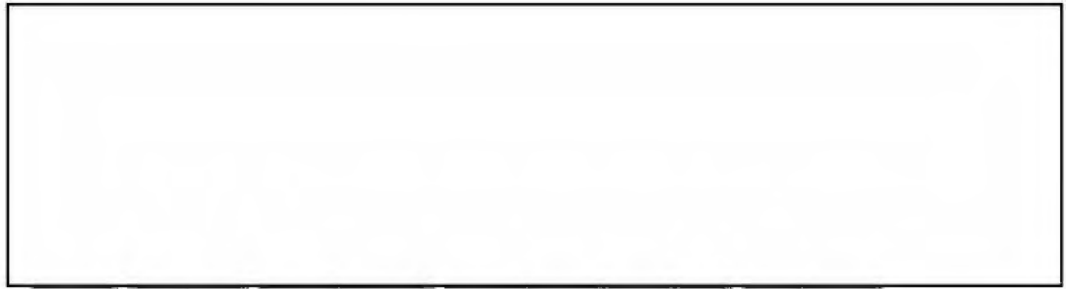
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[COW2020002846 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020002847 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020002155 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020002574 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020002615 Request Combined.pdf](#)
[COW2020002662 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020002670 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020002682 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020002716 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020002698 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020002721 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2019500017 American Oversight - Complaint and Exhibits.pdf](#)
[COW2018000831 20-cv-00316 Hoppock v USCIS \(DDC\) Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2018000654 Complaint 19-cv-0290 ACLU v DOJ et al.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - On October 1, 2020 [redacted] an individual in Brookline, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) records pertaining to the drafting of subsection (III)(G)(11)(a) of "USCIS Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements" final rule Federal Register Vol. 85, No. 149 on page 46841. (USCIS Case Number COW2020002808)
 - On October 5, 2020 [redacted], a representative with *American Oversight* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) email communications containing key words pertaining to the naturalization ceremony at the White House as part of the Republican National Convention from March 15, 2020, through the present. (USCIS Case Number COW2020002839)
 - On October 5, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight*, in Washington, DC., requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all final analyses—including, but not limited to, legal opinions, memoranda, emails, or other informal communications—

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indicating whether it is permissible to remotely administer the Oath of Allegiance to naturalize citizens. The date range of this request is March 15, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002840)

- On October 5, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all analyses regarding the permissibility of including a naturalization ceremony in the Republican National Convention, including but not limited to the statutory requirements imposed by the Hatch Act. The requested time frame for this search is specified as August 20, 2020, through August 31, 2020. (USCIS Case Number COW2020002842)
- On October 5, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight*, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the date that each of the following individuals submitted their Form N-400: [redacted]
[redacted] (Case Number USCIS COW2020002843)
- On October 5, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight*, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) communications sent by individuals containing key terms. The date range of this request is January 1, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002844)
- On October 5, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight*, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) any records reflecting any directive, order, decision, protocols, or guidance regarding the deportation or removal of unaccompanied minors. The date range of this request is January 1, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002846)
- On October 5, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight*, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): (1) all final directives, orders, decision memoranda, or guidance provided from the head office to field offices regarding whether and how to adapt naturalization ceremonies in response to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, including but not limited to the suspension of ceremonies, the implementation of drive-through ceremonies, or the operation of more frequent, smaller ceremonies; and (2) all final directives, orders, decision memoranda, or guidance provided from the head office to field offices regarding voter registration and education at naturalization ceremonies, including but not limited to provision of registration forms, arrangements with nonpartisan civic engagement organizations, and onsite presence of volunteers. The date range of this request is March 15, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS

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Late requests

- On August 19, 2020 [redacted] representative with *Cato institute*, in Annandale, Virginia, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Building Respect In Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity ("BRIDGES") Initiative meetings and activities, including but not limited to the following USCIS personnel [redacted] and [redacted]. The date range of this request is January 1, 2010, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002155)
- On September 15, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Betzold Law, PLC** in Holland, Michigan, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to U-Visa training materials for USCIS staff in assessing U-Visa applications. (USCIS Case Number COW2020002574)
- On September 18, 2020 [redacted] a representative with the **Louise Trauma Center LLC** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to training of asylum officers on the topics of international human rights law, non-adversarial interview techniques, and other relevant national and international refugee laws and principles for the timeframe of January 1, 2020, through the present. (USCIS Case Number COW2020002615)
- On September 22, 2020 [redacted], a media representative with **WFAE Radio Station**, in Mooresville, North Carolina, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) statistics on Naturalization data for the state of North Carolina from the USCIS field offices of Charlotte and Raleigh-Durham. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002662)
- On September 22, 2020 [redacted] media representative with **Vice News**, in Brooklyn, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to H-2A or H-2B employees who have absconded or have been terminated from employment in the past six years. (USCIS Case Number COW2020002670)
- On September 23, 2020 [redacted] representative with **Volunteers of Legal Service** in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to USCIS' information-sharing policies with the Social Security Administration. (USCIS Case Number COW2020002682)
- On September 23, 2020 [redacted] media representative with **Hussman School of Journalism and Media**, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) enrollment figures among Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and

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undocumented students who are currently studying at a four-year university and currently reside within the United States. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002716)

- On September 24, 2020 [redacted] a media representative with **Hussman School of Journalism and Media**, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival students' applications filed since January 1, 2020, as well as applications that have been denied. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002698)
- On September 25, 2020 [redacted] a media representative with **The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**, in Atlanta, Georgia, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to complaints about and/or investigation of Global Teachers Research & Resources, Inc (AKA GTRR) based in Morrow, Ga., from 2010 through the current date. (Case Number USCIS COW2020002721)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On October 1, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] representative with **EPIC.org** in Washington DC, 493 pages of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival records pertaining to the following: (1) privacy assessments conducted after January 20, 2017; (2) guidance for carrying out Department of Homeland Security (DHS) termination of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals; and (3) guidance regarding the application of Fair Information Practice Principles to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival recipients pursuant to DHS's April 25, 2017, Privacy Policy Guidance Memorandum. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to Freedom of Information Act Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2017001301) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On October 1, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **New York Immigration Coalition** in New York, New York, 29 pages of records consisting of any and all records issued or used by USCIS, and/or the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from January, 2019, through the present, pertaining to: (1) the policy that went into effect August 7, 2019, relating to the denial of all non-military requests for deferred action, as announced in denial letters sent from multiple field offices to applicants for non-military deferred action; (2) the actual policy, accompanying guidance, and training materials that were distributed to USCIS personnel, including but not limited to District Offices leadership instructing them on how to process such pending and new requests; and (3) any other correspondence, including between USCIS and/or DHS, and/or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and/or the White House, policy memorandum, guidance, Standard Operating Procedures, or other documents or communications relating to how USCIS will handle requests for deferred action. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501163) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

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- On October 2, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted], a representative with the **National Immigration Law Center** in Los Angeles, California, four spreadsheets and 2,486 pages of records pertaining to the following: (1) communications with the White House and Congress regarding the January 27 or March 6 Executive Orders; (2) records related to foreign-born individuals implicated in terrorism-related crimes; (3) discretionary determination to admit refugees on a case by case basis; (4) countries that have been identified as presenting heightened concerns; (5) terrorists groups that have sought to infiltrate through the refugee programs; assessment of current screening and vetting procedures; (6) records related to persons born abroad who have been convicted of terrorism-related crimes in the U.S.; (7) records relating to the review of existing visa-issuance programs; (8) records related to the reduction of the number of immigrants or refugees; (9) records relating to restrictions on refugees from Syria; and (10) records relating to policy or procedures concerning immigrants from Muslim countries. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 5, 6, 7(C) and 7 (E). (Case Number USCIS COW2017000676) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On October 2, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] media representative with **Capital News Service** in College Park, Maryland, 29 pages of records consisting of data pertaining to H-2B visas approved by state during the first half and second half of fiscal years 2014 through 2019. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501258) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00774-RC), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 29, 2018, seeking records pertaining communications from White House adviser Stephen Miller and his former executive assistant McLaurine Klingler on behalf of the current administration. On October 1, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 14 pages of records.
- In the matter [redacted] *v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-00316-RCL), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 16, 2018, seeking records consisting of information pertaining to the following email accounts using the search terms: Operation Janus, Operation Second Look and “denaturaliz*” which should include its variants: denaturalized, denaturalization denaturalize, HFE and Historical Fingerprint Enrollment. The search will be conducted in the following listed accounts for the time period January 20, 2017, to present: (1) L Francis Cissna, Director of USCIS; (2) Tracy Renaud, acting deputy director, USCIS; (3) Todd Young, acting chief of staff, USCIS; (4) Craig Symons, Chief, Office of Chief Counsel, USCIS; (5) Matthew D. Emrich, associate director Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate; and (6) Daniel Renaud, Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate. On October 2, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff

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four pages of records.

- In the matter of ***American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Northern California v. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of State, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (3:19-cv-00290)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 29, 2018, seeking records pertaining to the following: (1) all policies, guidance, procedures, directives, advisories, memoranda, and/or legal opinions pertaining to the agency's search, analysis, filtering, monitoring, or collection of content available on any social media network; (2) all records created since January 1, 2015, concerning the purchase of, acquisition of, subscription to, payment for, or agreement to use any product or service that searches, analyzes, filters, monitors, or collects content available on any social media network, including but not limited to: a. Records concerning any product or service capable of using social media content in assessing applications for immigration benefits or admission to the United States; b. Records concerning any product or service capable of using social media content for immigration enforcement purposes; c. Records concerning any product or service capable of using social media content for border or transportation screening purposes; d. Records concerning any product or service capable of using social media content in the investigation of potential criminal conduct; (3) all communications to or from any private business and/or its employees since January 1, 2015, concerning any product or service that searches, analyzes, filters, monitors, or collects content available on any social media network (4) all communications to or from employees or representatives of any social media network (*e.g.*, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, WhatsApp) since January 1, 2015 concerning the search, analysis, filtering, monitoring, or collection of social media content; and (5) all records concerning the use or incorporation of social media content into systems or programs that make use of targeting algorithms, machine learning processes, and/or data analytics for the purpose of (a) assessing risk, (b) predicting illegal activity or criminality, and/or (c) identifying possible subjects of investigation or immigration enforcement actions. On October 2, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 2,641 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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[COW202000936 Complaint DC 2020cv00706 - OPEN SOCIETY JUSTICE INITIATIVE v. DOJ.pdf](#)
[COW2018000343 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2018000789 Complaint Make the Road NY 119cv04607.pdf](#)
[COW2019500723 Complaint 20-cv-01384 KIND INC.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On October 7, 2020, [Redacted] a representative with *Immigration Law New Orleans LLC* in Metairie, Louisiana, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) a copy of the of the Consolidated Handbook of Adjudicative Procedures (CHAP). (USCIS Case Number COW2020002914)

- III. **Freedom of Information Act Releases**
 - N/A
- IV. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals**
 - N/A
- V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**
 - For appeals actions, contact [Redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [Redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [Redacted]
- VI. **Litigation**
 - In the matter of *Urban Justice Center v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*, (1:20-cv-03691), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 9, 2020, seeking records with information pertaining to the implementation of an alert posted on USCIS’s website on or around December 30, 2019, stating that USCIS may reject a Form I-918 or I-918 Supplement A

if the applicant does not complete all non-optional fields on those forms. On October 8, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 23 pages of records.

- In the matter of *Open Society Justice Initiative v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-00706-RC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 26, 2018, seeking records pertaining to implementation of civil and criminal denaturalization procedures in the United States. On October 8, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 51 spreadsheets of records.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), (1:20-cv-02082)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 6, 2018, seeking copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers for fiscal year 2017. On October 9, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 501 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Make the Road New York v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-04607)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) communications and analyses related to the public charge regulation. On October 14, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 173 pages of records.
- In the matter of *KIND INC., d/b/a KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:20-cv-01384)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 18, 2019, seeking the following records from May 30, 2019, through the present: (1) any attachments or exhibits to the memorandum dated May 31, 2019, issued by John Lafferty, Chief, Asylum Division, titled "Updated Procedures for Asylum Applications Filed by Unaccompanied Alien Children," which was publicly posted June 14, 2019, at https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/memos/Memo_-_Updated_Procedures_for_I-589s_Filed_by_UACs_5-31-2019.pdf (hereinafter "Lafferty Memo"), including, without limitation, the three attachments noted on page 6 of that document; (2) any transmission or cover memos used to transmit the Lafferty Memo to Asylum Officers, the Administrative Appeals Unit, or any other recipient within USCIS; and (3) any training materials, including without limitation train-the-trainer instructions, scripts, slides, worksheets, fact sheets, or other documents, prepared or disseminated in connection with the Lafferty Memo. On October 14, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 49 pages of records.

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[COW2020000185 Complaint.pdf](#)
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Good afternoon,

This report did not get emailed out last week. My apologies.

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On October 12, 2020 [redacted] a representative with the **American Bridge 21st Century** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), records of correspondence logs maintained by USCIS with the following Senators: (1) Marco Rubio (R-FL); (2) Todd Young (R-IN); (3) Chuck Grassley (R-IA); (4) John Kennedy (R-LA); (5) Rob Portman (R-OH); (6) Tim Scott (R-SC); (7) Mike Lee (R-UT); (8) Ron Johnson (R-WI); (9) Kelly Loeffler (R-GA); and (10) Doug Collins (R-GA). (USCIS Case Number COW2020002958)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On October 15, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **The Protect Democracy Project** in New York, New York, 30 pages of records consisting of communications involving any White House employee pertaining to the defense or implementation of the document entitled “Executive Order: Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States.” Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2017000188) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

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- On October 19, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *The Wall Street Journal* in New York, New York, the number of affirmative asylum applications from Iraq and the grant rate for those applications from 2003 through 2018. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2018001068) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On October 19, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] an individual in Somerville, Massachusetts, all emails sent to or received by acting USCIS Director Kenneth Cuccinelli containing the term "Kobach". Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500701) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS) et al., (1:18-cv-02846)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records for all email communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins pertaining to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On October 15, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 344 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary (DHS), and United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), (1:20-cv-02348)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2019, seeking records pertaining to; "instructions from Asylum Headquarters to each Asylum office about the frequency and content of training to be given to asylum officers.", from the date of January 1, 2019, through the date you begin to process this request. On October 19, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 294 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Immigration Council v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), et al., (3:20-cv-03266)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 5, 2020, seeking records pertaining to all USCIS communications and guidance related to the Migrant Protection Protocols. On October 21, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 186 pages of records.

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, October 22, 2020 – October 28, 2020
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 11:23:38 AM
Attachments: COW2020003008 Request.pdf
COW2020003035 Request.pdf
COW2020003036 Request.pdf
COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On October 16, 2020 [redacted] a representative with *Kids in need of Defense*, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): (1) any directive, memorandum, policy, or other guidance pertaining to the Asylum Office limiting a scheduled interview, or scheduling limited-purpose or jurisdictional interviews, with any applicant who is seeking asylum as an unaccompanied alien child; (2) any cover note, distribution memo, or other communication conveying the documents described in (1); (3) any training materials for implementing the policy or practice described in (1); and (4) any correspondence regarding this policy or practice within the Asylum Office, or between the Asylum Office and any official through whom the Asylum Office reports (e.g., with the head of Refugee, Asylum and International Operations (RAIO), or with the officials performing the duties of the Director or the Deputy Director of USCIS or their designee). The time period for this request is from May 1, 2019, through October 21, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020003008)

- On October 20, 2020 [redacted] an individual, in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) copies of calendars and/or daily appointments of acting USCIS Chief Counsel George Fishman, beginning on January 1, 2019, through October 21, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020003035)

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- On October 20, 2020 [redacted] an individual in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) emails sent and received by [redacted] of the USCIS Office of the Chief Counsel, between January 1, 2019, through the present, containing any of the following eight terms: (1) "fairus.org"; (2) "cis.org"; (3) "numbersusa"; (4) "Feere"; (5) "Zadrozny" (6) "Kobach"; (7) "Cuccinelli"; and (8) "census." (USCIS Case Number COW2020003036)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov. Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Immigration Center for Women and Children; ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), (3:20-cv-03000)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On October 26, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 541 pages of records.

Respectfully,

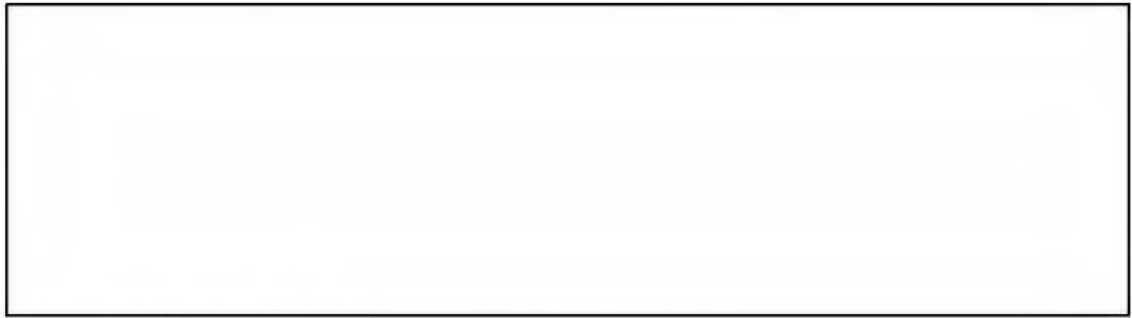
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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, October 29, 2020 – November 4, 2020
Date: Wednesday, November 04, 2020 9:58:12 AM
Attachments: [COW2020003096 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2020003097 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2018000160 Complaint.pdf](#)
[NRC2018159518 American Oversight Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019501574 American Oversight v. DHS Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2020000340 20-0618 IIUSA Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2018000831 20-cv-00316 Hoppock v. USCIS \(DDC\) Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On October 23, 2020, [redacted] a media representative with *The Hollywood Reporter*, in Barrington, Rhode Island, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to film producer Brett Ratner and individuals he may have written letters for in support of their immigration. (USCIS Case Number COW2020003096)
- On October 23, 2020, [redacted] a media representative with *The Hollywood Reporter*, in Barrington, Rhode Island, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Scottish actress, Louise Linton. (USCIS Case Number COW2020003097)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On November 3, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted], a media representative with *The Marshall Project* in New York, New York, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to the total number of Notices to Appear filed from FY2016 through FY2019, broken down by month. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019500040) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email:

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Muslim Advocates et al v. United States Department of State et al.*, (1:18-cv-01546-TSC), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 6, 2018, seeking any policies resulting from presidential proclamation 9645, from September 24, 2017, clarifying EO 13780. On October 30, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 108 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00912), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On October 30, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,459 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.* (1:20-cv-00652-RC), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 8, 2019, seeking any final policies, procedures, protocols, instructions or guidance regarding the transfer of responsibility for credible fear interview from asylum officers within USCIS to law enforcement agents within Customs and Border Patrol (CBP). On October 30, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 509 pages records.
- In the matter of *Invest in the USA (IIUSA)v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-00618-JBD), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 16, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most current and up-to-date USCIS EB-5 Adjudicator training materials for adjudicating EB-5 related petitions submitted before November 21, 2019, including PowerPoint or other presentations, memoranda and manuals. On October 30, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 787 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Matthew L. Hoppock v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-00316-RCL), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 16, 2018, seeking records consisting of information regarding the following email accounts using the search terms: Operation Janus, Operation Second Look and “denaturaliz*” which should include its variants: denaturalized, denaturalization denaturalize, HFE and Historical Fingerprint Enrollment. The search will be conducted in the following listed accounts for the time period January 20, 2017, through the present: (1) L. Francis Cissna, Director of USCIS; (2) Tracy Renaud, acting deputy director, USCIS; (3) Todd Young, acting chief of staff, USCIS; (4) Craig Symons, Chief, Office of Chief Counsel, USCIS; (5) Matthew D. Emrich, associate director Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate; and (6) Daniel Renaud, Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate. On November 2, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 112 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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Supervisory Government Information Specialist
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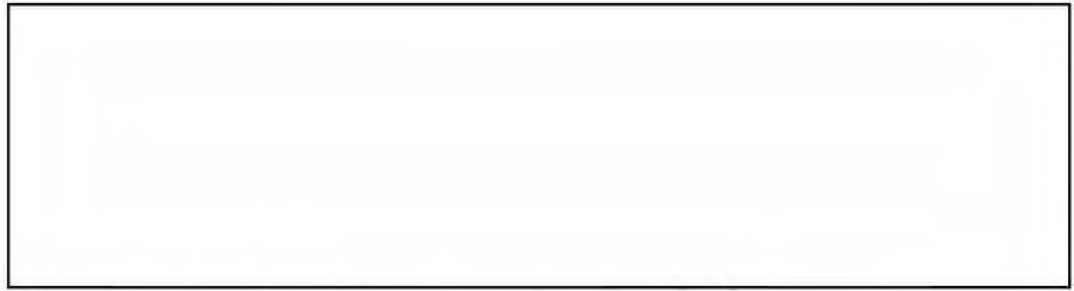
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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, November 5, 2020 – November 11, 2020
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:22:04 AM
Attachments: COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf
COW2019500446 IRAP Complaint.pdf
COW2018000789 Complaint Make the Road NY 119cv04607.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On November 5, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] media representative with *Reuters* in Washington, DC, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to language services at detention facilities tracked through USCIS LSS, for fiscal years 2015 through 2019. This record was released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019000038) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On November 9, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), released to [redacted] a media representative with *The Dallas Morning News* in Austin, Texas, one spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to F-1 beneficiaries who changes status to H-1B from fiscal years 2012 through 2018. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501361) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, et al. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States*

Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Department of State (DOS) (8:20-cv-02042), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records pertaining to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On November 6, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 223 pages of records and 14 spreadsheets.

- In the matter of ***International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al., (1:19-cv-08905-JGK)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO) Directorate Combined Training Course. On November 9, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 396 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Make the Road New York v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-04607)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) communications and analyses related to the public charge regulation. On November 10, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 525 pages of records.

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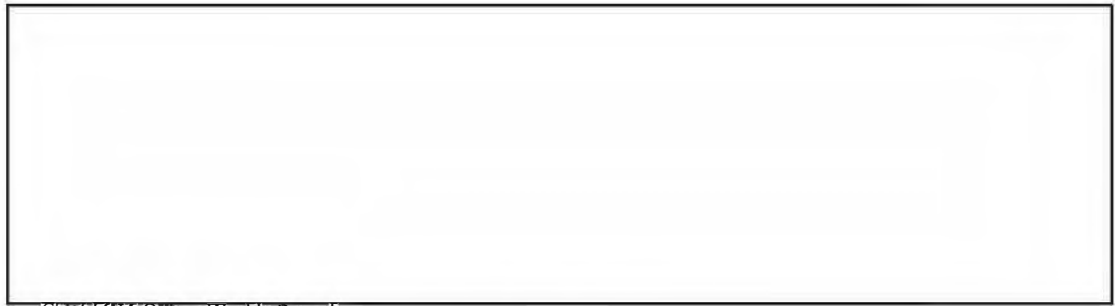
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COW2020003241 Request.pdf
COW2020003243 Request.pdf
COW2020003298 Request.pdf
COW2020003325 Request.pdf
COW2020000758 Complaint 20-cv-02348 Louise TC v Wolf et al (DDC).pdf
COW2020000806 Complaint 20-cv-02348 Louise TC v Wolf et al (DDC).pdf
NRC2018098003 American Oversight Complaint.pdf
NRC2019002271 Asian Americans Adv Justice Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On November 12, 2020, [redacted] a representative with *American Oversight* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records of any agency expenditures and all itineraries or agendas pertaining to the Senior Official Performing the Duties of Director Ken Cuccinelli’s trips to Arizona on October 21, 2020, and November 2, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2020003350)

Late requests

- On November 4, 2020, [redacted] a representative with the **Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law**, and [redacted] a representative with the **Safe Passage Project**, in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Freedom of Information Act processing guidance on "Unaccompanied Alien Child Screening Addendum," "CBP Form 93," and "suggested trafficking questions." (Case Number USCIS COW2020003241)
- On November 4, 2020, [redacted] representative with the **Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law**, in New York, New York, and **Cristina Velez**, a representative with the **National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild**, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all policies, procedures, guidance, trainings, and any other instructions or directives, past or present, regarding: (1) whether an adoption under foreign law that is considered to be a "simple" adoption² (i.e., any adoption other than "full"

or "plenary" ³) is considered to be an "adoption" within the meaning of § 101(b)(1) of the INA. This should include, but is not limited to, the agencies' position on and analyses of simple adoptions executed under the law of: Austria (if any); Argentina; Bolivia; Mexico; and Rwanda; (2) the determination of whether a kafala adoption⁴ (or other adoptions under Islamic law) qualifies as an "adoption" within the meaning of INA § 101(b)(1); (3) all records (including policy memoranda as well as published and non-precedential decisions) regarding whether an adoption under the law of the following countries is considered to be an "adoption" within the meaning of INA § 101(b)(1): Algeria, Austria, Denmark, and Morocco; and (4) data provided from January 1, 2000, through the present, to be disaggregated by petition type, year, and country of origin of the petition's beneficiary for the following: (A) the number of I-130 and I-170 petitions, filed, approved or granted where the petitioner-beneficiary relationship was formed through adoption and the adoption took place in any of the following countries and/or under any the following countries' laws: a. Algeria, b. Austria, c. Denmark, d. Morocco; (B) for all countries, the number of I-130 and I-730 petitions filed under INA § 101(b)(1)(E); the number of I-600 petitions filed under INA § 101(b)(1)(F); the number of I-800 and I-817 petitions filed under § 101(b)(1)(G); and number of I-485 petitions filed under § 203(d); (C) for all countries, the number of I-130 and I-817 petitions denied or revoked at least in part for failure to satisfy INA § 101(b)(1)(E); the number of I-600 petitions denied or revoked at least in part for failure to satisfy INA § 101(b)(1)(F); the number of I-800 petitions and I-817 petitions denied or revoked at least in part for failure to satisfy § 101(b)(1)(E) or (G); and number of I-485 petitions filed under § 203(d) that were denied or revoked because the adoption creating the petitioner-beneficiary relationship: (a) failed to meet requirements in USCIS Policy Memorandum 602-0070.1; (b) failed to meet requirements in the Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM) Chapter 21.16, or any USCIS Policy Manual into which the foregoing AFM subchapters were incorporated; or (c) did not qualify as an adoption for purposes of immigration benefits under the Immigration and Nationality Act.; (D) for all countries, the number of I-130 and I-730 petitions denied because the petitioner-beneficiary relationship was formed through Kafala; and (E) for all countries, the number of I-130 and I-730 petitions revoked because the petitioner-beneficiary relationship was formed through Kafala (Case Number USCIS COW2020003243)

- On November 9, 2020, [redacted] a representative with **MuckRock** in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records consisting of e-mail messages to, from, or carbon copying any of the following USCIS employees dated between July 9, 2018, through November 13, 2020, mentioning the following keywords: "denaturaliz*" "operation janus" or "operation second look" from USCIS

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leadership. The USCIS employees are: L. Francis Cissna, Director, USCIS; Tracy Renaud, Acting Deputy Director, USCIS; Todd Young, Acting Chief of Staff, USCIS; Craig Symons, Chief, Office of Chief Counsel, USCIS; Mariela Melero, Associate Director, Customer Service and Public Engagement; Kevin Kerns, Acting Associate Director, Management Directorate; Matthew D. Emrich, Associate Director, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate (FDNS); Daniel Renaud, Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate (FOD); Tammy Meckley, Associate Director, Immigration Records and Identity Services Directorate (IRIS); Bill McElhaney, Chief Information Officer; Kathy Nuebel Kovarik, Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy (OPS); and, Lora Ries, Acting Associate Director, External Affairs Directorate (EXA). (Case Number USCIS COW2020003298) (b)(6)

- On November 11, 2020, [redacted] a representative with *Rutgers Law School* in Camden, New Jersey, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records consisting of data for fiscal years 2014 through 2020, and policy memorandums for fiscal years 2010 through 2020, pertaining to 212(a) and its various codes. (Case Number USCIS COW2020003325)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On November 18, 2020, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] with the *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)* in Silver Spring, Maryland, five pages of records consisting of information pertaining to proceedings to terminate or rescind asylum status. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001355) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation (b)(6)

- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS and United States Department of Homeland Security, (1:20- cv-02348)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 28, 2020, seeking a copy of "Analyzing the Persecutor Bar" training module, which is part of the RAIO Combined Training Course dates from January 1, 2019, through the current date." On November 12, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 101 pages of records
- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS and United States Department of Homeland Security, (1:20- cv-02348)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 30, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the "National Security training Module" for asylum officers, used from January 1, 2020, through the present date. On November 12, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 109 pages of records.

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS) et al., (1:18-cv-02846)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records for all email communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins related to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On November 16, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 522 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00411-BAH)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On November 18, 2020, USCIS released 296 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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COW2020003442 Request.pdf
COW2020003447 Request Letter.pdf
COW2020003485 Request Letter.pdf
COW2020001950 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000936 Complaint DC 2020cv00706 - OPEN SOCIETY JUSTICE INITIATIVE v. DOJ.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On November 20, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Atlantic Yards** in Brooklyn, New York requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) information regarding job creation and the economic reports of two regional centers. (Case Number COW2020003447)
- On November 20, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **International Refugee Assistance Project** in New York, New York requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) information regarding Proposed and Final Rulemakings (Case Number COW2020003442)
- On November 23, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Immigration Reform Law Institute** in Washington, DC requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data regarding various statistics on refugees from November 1, 2009 to November 1, 2020. (Case Number COW2020003485)

Late requests

- On August 11, 2020 [redacted] a professor at **Northwestern University** in Evanston, Illinois, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the Alien File of Lorenzo Palma. (Case Number USCIS NRC2020117509)
- On November 17, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records from January 1, 2017, through the present, consisting of the Nebraska Service Center's guidance,

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training materials, and documents pertaining to I-589s filed by Unaccompanied Alien Children in removal proceedings. (Case Number USCIS COW2020003416)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On November 19, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] an individual, nine pages of records consisting of the resume of the current Branch Chief of the Systems Integration and Modernization Branch (SIMB), within the Identity and Information Management Division (IIMD), of the Information Records and Identity Services (IRIS) Directorate. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501463) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On November 19, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) released [redacted] representative with *Catholic Charities of Washington*, in Washington, DC, 350 pages of records consisting of documents pertaining to a copy of Train the Trainer Instructions from headquarters to asylum offices from January 01, 2019, through the present. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501495) This release has been uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On November 20, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] a representative with *Mississippi Center for Justice* in Jackson, Mississippi, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of data on H2-A and H2-B worker visas for the state of Mississippi from 1992 through the present. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501628) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On November 24, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will release [redacted] representative with *Open Society Justice Initiative* in New York, New York, eight pages of records consisting of emails pertaining to implementation of civil and criminal denaturalization procedures in the United States. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2020000936) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Invest in the USA v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (20-cv-02472), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 3, 2020, seeking records relate or refer in any way to the immigrant investor program Policy Manual for redeployment. On November 20, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 797 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Open Society Justice Initiative v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-00706-RC), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 26, 2018, seeking records pertaining to **implementation of civil and criminal denaturalization procedures in the United States**. On November 24,

2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff eight pages of records.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Respectfully,

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NRC2018159518 American Oversight Complaint.pdf
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- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On November 24, 2020, [redacted] a representative with **The Washington Post** in Washington, DC requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) information regarding data on Prompt Asylum Claim Review (PACR), Humanitarian Asylum Review Process (HARP), and the Guatemala Asylum Cooperative Agreement (GACA) from 2017 to 2019 (Case Number COW2020003489)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On December 2, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will release [redacted] a representative with **Grassroots Leadership** in Austin, Texas, 127 pages of records pertaining to the fee waiver policies applicable to the USCIS Violence Against Women Act, T, and U humanitarian program dating to January 1, 2017. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2019000126). The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Oversight v DHS et al. 1:20-cv-00652-RC*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 8, 2019, seeking any final policies, procedures, protocols, instructions or guidance regarding the transfer of responsibility for credible fear interview from asylum officers within USCIS to law enforcement agents within CBP. On November 30, 2020, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 560 pages records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On November 30, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,500 pages of records.
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Respectfully,

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Supervisory Government Information Specialist

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, December 3, 2020 – December 9, 2020
Date: Wednesday, December 09, 2020 12:12:16 PM
Attachments: COW2020003594 Request.pdf
COW2020003595 Request.pdf
COW2020003597 Request.pdf
COW2020003624 Request.pdf
COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000531 Benitez Bautista Amended Complaint.pdf
COW2019500446 IRAP Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

- **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
- On December 04, 2020 [redacted] reporter with *The Cranberry Eagle* in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to an EB-5 termination notice sent to EB5 Group New York Regional Center, LLC, ID1507152625. (Case Number USCIS COW2020003624.)

Late requests

- On December 2, 2020 [redacted] individual in Brooklyn, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File for the late Pierre Clermont. (Case Number USCIS COW2020003594)
- On December 2, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **California Appellate Project** in San Francisco, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File for the late Gaudina Mejorado. (Case Number USCIS COW2020003595)
- On December 2, 2020 [redacted] a representative with **Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project** in Tirane, Albania, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of Arthur Ramiz Shehu. (Case Number USCIS COW2020003597)
- **Freedom of Information Act Releases**
 - On December 4, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with *Mississippi Center for*

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Justice in Jackson, Mississippi, one Excel document consisting of data pertaining to all Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals from 2012 through the present. These records are released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501673). The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

- **Freedom of Information Act Appeals**

- N/A (b)(6)

- **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

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- **Litigation**

- In the matter of *Immigration Center for Women and Children; ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), (3:20-cv-03000)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On December 4, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 546 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, et al. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Department of State (DOS) (8:20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records related to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On December 7, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 463 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Bautista et al. v. Cuccinelli, et al., (1:20-cv-00339)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 10, 2020, seeking all agency guidance, data and correspondence related to the processing of U-Visas. On December 8, 2020, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 126 pages of records.
- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al., (1:19-cv-08905-JGK)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO) Directorate Combined Training Course. On December 9, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 470 pages of records.

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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, December 10, 2020 – December 16, 2020
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:33:26 AM
Attachments: COW2020003684 Request.pdf
COW2018000789 Complaint Make the Road NY 119cv04607.pdf
NRC2018098003 American Oversight Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
- N/A

- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
- On December 10, 2020, [redacted] an individual in Waldorf, Maryland, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) emails or other written correspondence from USCIS officials Tammy Meckley, Lee Bowes, Rhett Taylor, Victoria Porto, Michael Mayhew, and Betsy Gallion related to vacancy announcements CIS-10545321-VER and CIS-10493982-VER for the time frame of April 17, 2019, through September 30, 2019. (Case Number USCIS COW2020003684)

Late requests

- N/A

- III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**
- On December 15, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] an attorney with **McGregor & Oblad** in Dallas, Texas, 2,013 pages of records consisting of information pertaining to all USCIS memorandum, training guides, and officer instructions, relating to INA Section 212(a)(9)(B) since 2/2017. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501475). The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Make the Road New York v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services*

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(USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-04607), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) communications and analyses related to the public charge regulation. On December 10, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 313 pages of records.

- In the matter of ***American Oversight v. Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS) et al., (1:18-cv-02846)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records for all email communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins related to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On December 15, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 524 pages of records.

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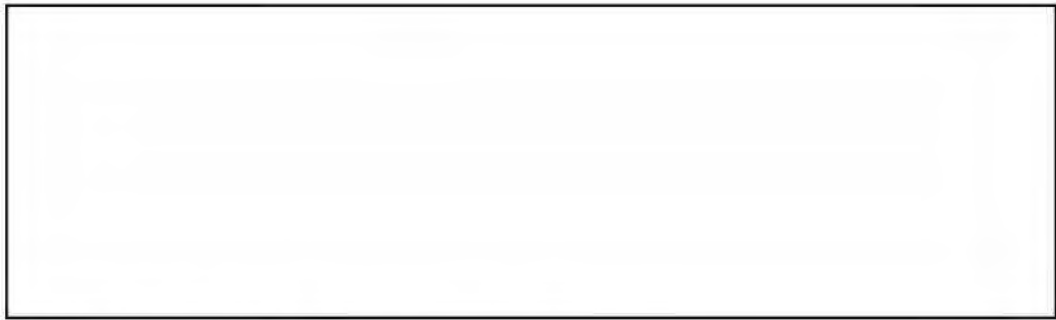
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Date: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 8:57:06 AM
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COW2020000185 Complaint.pdf
COW2019500017 American Oversight - Complaint and Exhibits.pdf
NRC2018159518 American Oversight Complaint.pdf
COW2019000784 20-cv-01128 Louise Trauma Ctr v DHS (DDC).pdf
COW2019501266 Kids in need of Defense Complaint 9.12.19 Last production.pdf

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00411-BAH), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On December 17, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 519 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Immigration Council v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), et al.*, (3:20-cv-03266), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 5, 2020, seeking records pertaining to all USCIS communications and guidance related to the Migrant Protection Protocols. On December 17, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 87 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Citizenship and*

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Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00774-RC), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 29, 2018, seeking records pertaining communications from White House adviser Stephen Miller and his former executive assistant McLaurine Klingler on behalf of the current administration. On December 18, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 19 pages of records.

- In the matter of ***American Oversight v. United States Department of Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On December 18, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,458 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Louise Trauma Center LLC v. United States Department of Homeland Security, (1:20-cv-01128-TNM)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 17, 2019, seeking records pertaining to; “Asylum officer lesson plans, materials, instructions, and guidance using during the class for new officers July 2019”. On December 21, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 324 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Kids in Need of Defense v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:20-cv-00944)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 12, 2019, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all policies, guidance, training materials, and related documents pertaining to the interim final rule “Asylum Eligibility and Procedural Modifications”. On December 22, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 52 pages of records.

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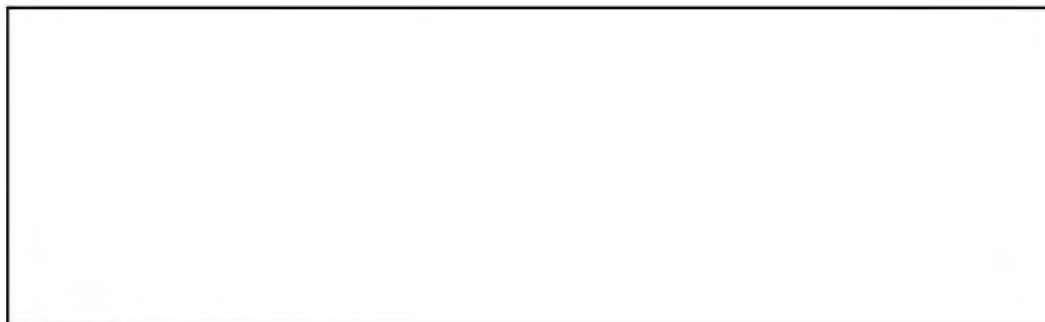
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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, December 24, 2020 – December 30, 2020
Date: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 8:01:23 AM
Attachments: COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On December 28, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *Cato Institute*, in Washington, DC, one spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to the number of approved I-140 petitions without a current priority date and the number of individual beneficiaries of approved I-140 petitions without a current priority date. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000255) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On December 28, 2020, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] media representative with *The Center for Investigative Reporting* in Saint Petersburg, Florida, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to U visa (I-918) petitions, per year, from FY 2014 through FY 2019. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000186) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Immigration Center for Women and Children; ASISTA*

Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), (3:20-cv-03000), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On December 30, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 604 pages of records.

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Attachments: COW202003841 Request.pdf
COW2019501574 American Oversight v. DHS Complaint.pdf
COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On December 22, 2021, [redacted] a media representative with the *Daily Hampshire Gazette* in Amherst, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) their own Alien File. (Case Number USCIS COW2020003841)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On January 6, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *Cato Institute*, in Washington, DC, one spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to applicants with employment-based immigrant petitions. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000073) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On January 6, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *Cato Institute*, in Washington, DC, six spreadsheets consisting of data pertaining to the number of service-wide forms for fiscal years from FY2007 through FY2012. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000184) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On January 6, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *Cato Institute*, in Washington, DC, one spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to the number of employment-based and family-based petitions without a current priority date. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2020000189) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

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- On January 6, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] a media representative with **Buzzfeed News**, in Los Angeles, California, 137 pages of records consisting of data pertaining to the number of approved I-140 petitions without a current priority date and the number of individual beneficiaries of approved I-140 petitions without a current priority date. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2020000273) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On January 6, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] an individual in Austin, Texas, one spreadsheet consisting of data pertaining to the number of individuals granted asylum affirmatively by region and country of nationality for 2017. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS NRC2018185615) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-00652-RC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 8, 2019, seeking any final policies, procedures, protocols, instructions or guidance regarding the transfer of responsibility for credible fear interview from asylum officers within United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to law enforcement agents within U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). On December 31, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 522 pages records.
- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, et al. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Department of State (DOS) (8:20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records pertaining to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On January 6, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 520 pages of records.

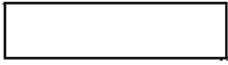
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IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-00652-RC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 8, 2019, seeking any final policies, procedures, protocols, instructions or guidance regarding the transfer of responsibility for credible fear interview from asylum officers within United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to law enforcement agents within U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). On December 31, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 522 pages records.
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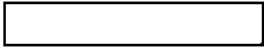
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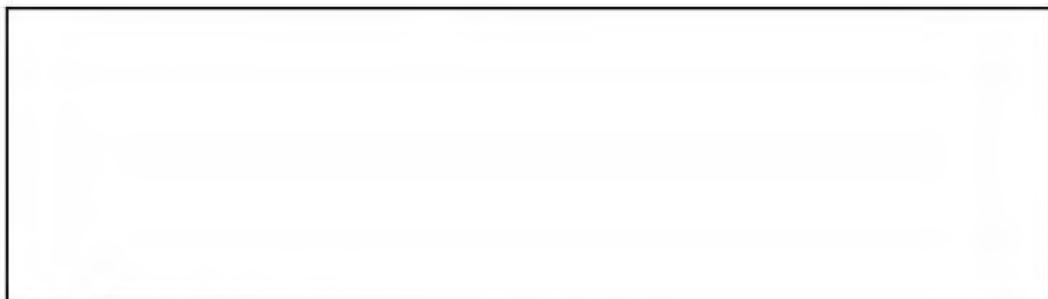
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- N/A

- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
- N/A

Late requests

- On December 31, 2021, [redacted], a reporter with *Atlantic Yards/Pacific Park Report* in Brooklyn, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to two EB-5 investment projects in developing Atlantic Yards in Brooklyn, New York, through the U.S. Immigration Fund Regional Center ID1214350657. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000026)

- III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**
- N/A

- IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals**
- N/A

- V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

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- VI. Litigation**

- In the matter of *Matthew L. Hoppock v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-00316-RCL), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 16, 2018, seeking records consisting of information regarding the following email accounts using the search terms: Operation Janus, Operation Second Look and “denaturaliz*” which should include its variants: denaturalized, denaturalization denaturalize, HFE and Historical Fingerprint Enrollment. The search will be conducted in the following listed accounts for the time period January 20, 2017, through the present: (1) L. Francis Cissna,

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Director of USCIS; (2) Tracy Renaud, acting deputy director, USCIS; (3) Todd Young, acting chief of staff, USCIS; (4) Craig Symons, Chief, Office of Chief Counsel, USCIS; (5) Matthew D. Emrich, associate director Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate; and (6) Daniel Renaud, Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate. On January 7, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 193 pages of records.

- In the matter of *Make the Road New York v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-04607)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) communications and analyses related to the public charge regulation. On January 8, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 338 pages of records and five excel spreadsheets.
- In the matter of *Lawyers for Civil Rights v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (20-cv-11777)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 28, 2019, seeking records pertaining to drafting of the “public charge” regulation provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act. On January 11, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 525 pages of records.
- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al., (1:19-cv-08905-JGK)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO) Directorate Combined Training Course. On January 11, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 481 pages of records.

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Open Society Justice Initiative v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-00706-RC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 26, 2018, seeking records pertaining to implementation of civil and criminal denaturalization procedures in the United States. On January 15, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 463 pages of records and seven spreadsheets.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS) et al., (1:18-cv-02846)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records for all email communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins related to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On January 15, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 819 pages of records.

- In the matter of **Louise Trauma Center LLC v. United States Department of Homeland Security, (1:20-cv-01128-TNM)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 17, 2019, seeking records pertaining to; “Asylum officer lesson plans, materials, instructions, and guidance using during the class for new officers July 2019”. On January 19, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 2,925 pages of records.
- In the matter of **Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00411-BAH)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On January 19, 2021, USCIS released 167 pages of records.

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From:
To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, January 21, 2021 – January 27, 2021
Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021 1:14:09 PM
Attachments: COW2021000158 Request.pdf
COW2021000159 Request.pdf
COW2021000161 Request.pdf
COW2021000209 Request.pdf
COW2021000211 Request.pdf
COW2021000212 Request.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On January 13, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *MuckRock News* in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the publications of "USCIS Today" that were sent to USCIS employees from June 11, 2018, through June 13, 2018. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000158)

- On January 13, 2021 [redacted], a media representative with *MuckRock News* in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a memo called "Media Response to Query" with the issue "Opening of the HFE Office" dated June 12, 2018. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000159)

- On January 13, 2021 [redacted] media representative with *MuckRock News* in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to a presentation by [redacted] [redacted] General Attorney at the Miami Florida District Office, called "ERO Presentation on Fingerprints" given on June 13, 2018. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000161)

- On January 15, 2021 [redacted] a representative with the **Louise Trauma Center** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) emails, and their attachments, sent from Asylum Headquarters to the Arlington Asylum Office from July 1, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000209)

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- On January 15, 2021 [redacted] a representative with the **Louise Trauma Center** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to FOIA case evaluation forms and other documents that track and evaluate the performance of FOIA employees. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000211)
- On January 15, 2021 [redacted] a representative with the **Louise Trauma Center** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records that track and evaluate the performance of asylum officers at the Arlington Asylum Office. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000212)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- N/A

Respectfully,

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From:
To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, January 28, 2021 – February 3, 2021
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Attachments: COW2021000309 Request.pdf
COW2021000310 Request.pdf
COW2021000311 Request.pdf
COW2021000332 Request.pdf
COW2021000333 Request.pdf
COW2019500947 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501574 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf
NRC2018159518 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On January 21, 2021, [redacted], a representative with the *The Intercept* in Madison, Wisconsin, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to FOIA requests received by USCIS from January 1, 2017, through January 23, 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000309)
- On January 21, 2021, [redacted], a representative with the *The Intercept* in Madison, Wisconsin, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to sufficient to show descriptions of all Mandatory Declassification Review requests received by your agency from January 1, 2017, through January 23, 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000310)
- On January 24, 2021, [redacted] a media representative with *Pitchfork* in Menomonie, Wisconsin, requested from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File for the late Daniel Dumile, a rapper with the pseudonym MF DOOM. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000311)
- On January 25, 2021, [redacted] a representative with *Migration Policy*

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Institute in Washington, DC, requested from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to data for green card holders from fiscal year 2018 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000332)

- On January 25, 2021 [redacted] a representative with *Migration Policy Institute*, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data pertaining to green card holders for fiscal years 1995 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000333)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *ACLU of Maine Foundation v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (2:20-cv-00422-JA), the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 5, 2019, seeking information pertaining to approvals, referrals, and denials of affirmative asylum cases arising out of the Newark Asylum Office and Boston Asylum Sub-Office. On January 29, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 623 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-00652-RC), the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 8, 2019, seeking any final policies, procedures, protocols, instructions or guidance regarding the transfer of responsibility for credible fear interview from asylum officers within USCIS to law enforcement agents within CBP. On January 29, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 1,098 pages records.
- In the matter of *Immigration Center for Women and Children; ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.*, (3:20-cv-03000), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On January 29, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 531 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00912), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On February 2, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,465 pages of records.

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To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, February 4, 2021 – February 10, 2021
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:11:59 AM
Attachments: [COW2021000378 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2021000454 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2021000527 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2019000126 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2018000789 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019000106 Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On February 8, 2021, [redacted] a representative with the **Kitsap County Republican Party** in Seabeck, Washington, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a list of names and addresses of legal non US citizens living in Washington State in 2020 and 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000527)

Late requests

- On January 28, 2021, [redacted], an individual in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) copies of all performance reviews and exit interview documents from January 1, 2017, through January 31, 2021, pertaining to the employment and departure of Robert Law, Chief of Policy and Strategy at USCIS. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000378)
- On February 3, 2021, [redacted] an individual in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) copies of all performance reviews and exit interview documents from January 1, 2017, through January 31, 2021, pertaining to the employment and departure of USCIS Chief Counsel George Fishman.(Case Number USCIS COW2021000454)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Grassroots Leadership v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (1:19-cv-00530-RP)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 5, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the fee waiver policies applicable to the USCIS Violence Against Women Act, T, and U humanitarian program dating to January 1, 2017. On February 5, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff two spreadsheets and 342 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, et al. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Department of State (DOS) (8:20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records pertaining to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On February 5, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 442 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Make the Road New York v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-04607)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) communications and analyses pertaining to the public charge regulation. On February 10, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 228 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Lawyers for Civil Rights v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (20-cv-11777)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 28, 2019, seeking records pertaining to drafting of the “public charge” regulation provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act. On February 10, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 669 pages of records.

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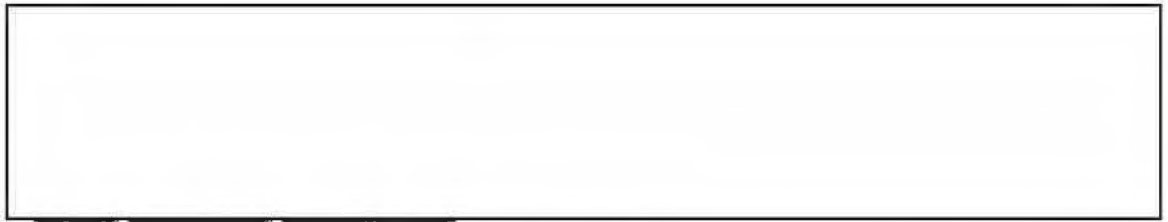
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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, February 11, 2021 – February 17, 2021
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 2:00:43 PM
Attachments: COW2021000587 Request.pdf
COW2019500446 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000531 Complaint.pdf
NRC2018098003 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On February 12, 2021, [redacted] a representative with **RAICES, Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services**, in San Antonio, Texas, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Cuban migrants and the Cuban Adjustment Act “dry-foot/wet-foot policy.” (Case Number USCIS COW2021000587)

Late requests

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III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-08905-JGK), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO) Directorate Combined Training Course. On February 11, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 295 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Bautista v. Cuccinelli, et al.*, (1:20-cv-00339), plaintiff filed a FOIA request, COW2020000531, on April 10, 2020, seeking all agency guidance, data and correspondence related to the processing of U-Visas. On February 12, 2020, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 158 pages and two Excel

spreadsheets of records.

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS) et al., (1:18-cv-02846)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 20, 2018, seeking records for all email communications for L. Francis Cissna and Jennifer P. Higgins related to the following search terms and additional information: American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, Merkley, and Prosecution initiative. On February 12, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 40 pages of records.

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, February 18, 2021 – February 24, 2021
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021 1:03:08 PM
Attachments: COW2021000690 Request.pdf
COW2021000640 Request.pdf
COW2021000652 Request.pdf
NRC2019002271 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501193 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501569 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On February 19, 2021, [redacted] a media representative with the *St. Albans Messenger* in St. Albans, Vermont, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a copy of all emails from [redacted] [redacted] the Acting Associate Director of the Vermont Service Center in St. Albans, Vermont, to staff from the USCIS building on Lower Welden Street in St. Albans, Vermont, on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, between the hours of 12:00p.m. and 4:00p.m. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000690)

Late requests

- On February 16, 2021, [redacted] a media representative with the *Arizona Daily Star* in Hendersonville, North Carolina, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the Humanitarian Adjudication for Victims Enterprise Nationwide (HAVEN) system. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000640)
- On February 17, 2021, [redacted] a representative with the **Louise Trauma Center** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records of a copy of the “Credible Fear Procedures Manual.” (Case Number USCIS COW2021000652)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email:

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00411-BAH)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On February 18, 2021, USCIS released 206 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, et al., (1:19-cv-03421-CJN)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 27, 2019, seeking records from June 1, 2019, through the present date, for: (1) records reflecting communications of John Zadrozny, with or about Stephen Miller or Robert Gabriel; including but not limited to communications containing the name "Stephen Miller" or email communications sent or forwarded to, received from, copying, or blind copying [redacted] or any other email addresses used by Stephen Miller, Robert Gabriel, Jr., or anyone else in the White House serving as an assistant, advisor, or scheduler for Stephen Miller; and (2) all email communications between John Zadrozny and Ken Cuccinelli, Andrew Veprek [redacted] and any other email addresses associated with Mr. Veprek) or Gene Hamilton [redacted] and any other email addresses associated with Mr. Hamilton). On February 22, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 16 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS and United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (1:20-cv-02348)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 13, 2019, seeking records pertaining to; "training, instructions and guidance of Supervisory Asylum Officers/SAO's, from January 1, 2019, to the date you begin this request." On February 22, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff six Excel workbooks, and 380 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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United States Citizenship and Immigration Service

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From:
To:



Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, February 25, 2021 – March 3, 2021
Date: Thursday, March 04, 2021 8:00:15 AM
Attachments: COW2021000794 Request.pdf
COW2021000723 Request.pdf
COW2019501450 Complaint.pdf
COW2018000160 Complaint.pdf
COW2019500947 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501574 & COW2019501598 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf
NRC2018159518 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000248 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On February 27, 2021, [redacted] a media representative with *Arizona Daily Star* in Henderson, North Carolina, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all past and present manuals, schema and/or codebook for database(s) or system(s) that currently hold and/or catalogue applications for U or T visas. If past applications from databases or systems such as the Humanitarian Adjudication for Victims Enterprise Nationwide (HAVEN) system have not been migrated to the database or system currently in use, then please provide manuals, schema and/or codebook for the previous database or system that currently holds or catalogues the application for the U or T visa. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000794)

Late requests

- On February 23, 2021, [redacted] a freelance journalist, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a dataset that links H-2A Form I-129 approvals with the approved case numbers from the Department of Labor for FY2018 through the present, for the following job titles: "shepherd", "range herder", "livestock herder", "range lamber", "goat herder", "cattle herder", or similar titles. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000723)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of ***Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS and United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (1:20- cv-02348)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 18, 2019, seeking records pertaining to; "training, instructions and guidance of Supervisory Asylum Officers/SAO's, from January 1, 2019, to the date you begin this request." On February 25, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 383 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Muslim Advocates v. United States Department of State(DOS); United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS); United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP); United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), et al., (1:18-cv-01546)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 6, 2018, seeking any policies resulting from presidential proclamation 9645, from September 24, 2017, clarifying EO 13780. On February 26, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 108 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***ACLU of Maine Foundation v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), et al.,(2:20-cv-00422)***, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 5, 2019, seeking information pertaining to approvals, referrals, and denials of affirmative asylum cases arising out of the Newark Asylum Office and Boston Asylum Sub-Office. On February 26, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 832 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***American Oversight v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al. (1:20-cv-00652)***, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 8, 2019, seeking any final policies, procedures, protocols, instructions or guidance regarding the transfer of responsibility for credible fear interview from asylum officers within USCIS to law enforcement agents within CBP. On February 26, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 957 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Immigration Center for Women and Children, ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (3:20-cv-03000)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On February 26, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 540 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***American Oversight v. United States Department of Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On February 26, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,460 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Justice Action Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), et al., (2:20-CV-06982)***, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 30, 2020, seeking Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program records including policies, guidance, correspondence, emails, reports and data. On March 1, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 104 pages of records.

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To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, March 4, 2021 – March 10, 2021
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 10:01:59 AM
Attachments: COW2021000647 Request.pdf
COW2019501023 Request.pdf
COW2021000803 Request.pdf
COW2021000805 Request.pdf
COW2021000807 Request.pdf
COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On March 9, 2021 [redacted] an individual in Rockville, Maryland, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all emails sent or received by any employee or contractor of the USCIS FOIA office or USCIS Office of General Counsel dated 2/16/21 including any of the following terms: [redacted] "National Security Counselors," @natlsecnslrs. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000647)

Late requests

- On August 3, 2019 [redacted] an attorney with **Walker, Gates, Vela, PLLC** in Austin, Texas, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File for the late Ian Fraser Kilmister, former singer and bassist of the British rock band, Motorhead. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501023)
- On March 1, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **Fresh Take Florida, a publication of the University of Florida** in Gainesville, Florida, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a log of all people who were flagged as ineligible for employment through the E-Verify system in Florida since January 1, 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000803)
- On March 1, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **Fresh Take Florida, a publication of the University of Florida** in Gainesville, Florida, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a list of all contractors in Florida that have used the E-Verify system since January 1, 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000805)
- On March 1, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **Fresh Take Florida, a publication of the University of Florida** in Gainesville, Florida, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

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a log of every contractor and subcontractor that has used the E-Verify system from January 1, 2021 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000807)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On March 4, 2021, the United States Citizenship, and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] an individual in New York, New York, 138 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien file of the late David Bowie. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS NRC2020166573) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).
- On March 4, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] an individual in Washington, DC, 222 pages of records pertaining to all records and communications pertaining to Dr. Yanping Chen's immigration and citizenship applications. This is the first rolling release of records for this request. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to PA Exemptions (a)(j)(2) and (a)(k)(2) and FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS NRC2019003558) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).
- On March 4, 2021, the United States Citizenship and immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with *The Marshall Project* in Los Angeles, California, 767 pages of records pertaining to [redacted]. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS NRC2019619968) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).
- On March 9, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), will release to [redacted] an attorney with the *Law Offices of Sarah Xiao Qian* in San Jose, California, will release 1,204 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of [redacted]. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS NRC2019562750) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Department of State (DOS) et al., (8:20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records related to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On March 8, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 265 pages of records.

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From:
To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, March 11, 2021 – March 17, 2021
Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 8:22:20 AM
Attachments: COW2021000929 Request.pdf
COW2018000789 Complaint.pdf
COW2019000106 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000148 complaint.pdf
COW2019501245 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On March 10, 2021, [redacted] an individual in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the official calendars of Jill Eggleston for the calendar years 2018 through 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000929)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On March 11, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] media representative with *Univision News* in Miami, Florida, 587 pages of records pertaining to [redacted]. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2019500623) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).
- On March 12, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] an individual in Grass Valley, California, 40 pages of records consisting of documents, emails, attachments or memos sent, received, or copied [redacted] gov and containing at least one of the following non-case sensitive alphanumeric strings: “Shanghai Municipal Investment”, “SMI”, “State Owned Enterprise”, or “SOE” from January 1, 2013, through January 23, 2018. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW201800116) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).
- On March 16, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with *Northwestern University* in Evanston, Illinois, 661 pages of records consisting of documents pertaining to Kelvin Momo. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS

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COW2018000604) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

- On March 16, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **San Diego Union Tribune**, in San Diego, California, 76 pages of records pertaining to the Alien File of [redacted]. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2020000114) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On March 16, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **Southern Poverty Law Center** in Miami, Florida, 165 pages of records pertaining to the Alien File of [redacted]. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2020000612) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On March 16, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **McGee Media** in New York, New York, 128 pages of records consisting of applications and petitions from the Alien File of the late Jin Pil Chang. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2020002308) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On March 16, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] and individual in Brooklyn, New York, 186 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File for the late Pierre Clermont. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2020003594) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On March 16, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **California Appellate Project** in San Francisco, California, 73 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File for the late Gaudina Mejorado. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2020003595) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On March 16, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **National Immigration Justice Center** in Chicago, Illinois, 50 pages of records pertaining to [redacted]. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS NRC2020074772) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On March 17, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **Ekspress Meedia** in Tallinn, Estonia, 434 pages of records pertaining to [redacted]. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and

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7(E). (Case Number USCIS NRC2019625597) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A (b)(6)

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Make the Road New York v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-04607)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) communications and analyses pertaining to the public charge regulation. On March 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 14 excel sheets of records. [redacted] COW2018000789_attach complaint
- In the matter of *Lawyers for Civil Rights v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (20-cv-11777)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 28, 2019, seeking records pertaining to drafting of the “public charge” regulation provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act. On March 12, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 500 pages of records. [redacted] COW2019000106_attach complaint
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 15, 2020, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2018. On March 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 125 pages of record. [redacted] COW2020000148_attach complaint
- In the matter of *Center for Democracy and Technology v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:21-cv-00134)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 27, 2019, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) use of social media data in adjudicating immigration benefits. On March 16, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 57 pages of records. [redacted] COW2019501245_Attach complaint (final release)

Respectfully,

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To:



Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, March 18, 20 USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, March 18, 2021 – March 24, 202121 – March 24, 2021
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:20:01 AM
Attachments: COW2021000979 Request.pdf
COW2021001009 Request.pdf
COW2021001019 Request.pdf
NRC2019002271 Complaint.pdf
COW2018000343 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On March 12, 202[] a representative with **Perry & Leveridge**, in Carrollton, Texas, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) any and all records which were prepared, received, transmitted, collected and/or maintained by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and which relate or refer in any way to: (1) DHS standard operating procedures, memoranda, correspondence, guidance, checklists, and training materials, created, circulated or discussed on or after January 1, 2015, regarding the processes, procedures, and legal standards relating to the adjudication of LI and L-2 nonimmigrant petitions, *including but not limited to*: a.) records that describe, explain, or interpret the terms "specialized knowledge" and "advanced knowledge". b.) records that describe, explain, or interpret the 2015 L Memo, Policy Memorandum, L-1B Adjudications Policy (August 17, 2015) PM-602-0111. c.) records that describe, explain, or interpret the terms "managerial", "executive", "function manager". d.) records that describe, explain, or interpret the 2018 L-1 I-year Memo, Policy Memorandum, Satisfying the L-1 1-Year Foreign Employment Requirement; Revisions to Chapter 32.2 of the Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM) (November 15, 2018) PM-602-0167. e.) records that describe, explain, or interpret the 2017 Function Manager Memo, Policy Memorandum, *Matter of G-Inc.*, Adopted Decision 2017-05 (AAO Nov. 8, 2017) PM-602-0148. f.) records that describe, explain, or interpret the 2005 L-1 Reform Act Memo, Change to the L Nonimmigrant Classification made by the L-1 Reform Act of 2004 (July 28, 2005) HQ 70/8, AD 05-26. And, g.) records that describe, explain, or interpret the 2004 DOS Cable 14-STATE-033493 dated February 14, 2004; (2) records that describe, explain, or interpret how the Buy American Hire American E.O. 13788 (April 18, 2017) applies to H, L, or O nonimmigrant categories; (3) DHS standard operating procedures,

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memoranda, correspondence, guidance, checklists, and training materials created, circulated or discussed regarding the President's Executive Order issued on June 22, 2020 titled Proclamation Suspending Entry of Aliens Who Present a Risk to the U.S. Labor Market Following the Coronavirus Outbreak; (4) any memoranda, correspondence, guidance, findings, regarding Section 6 of the April 22, 2020 Executive Order titled Proclamation Suspending Entry of Immigrants Who Present Risk to the U.S. Labor Market During the Economic Recovery Following the COVID-19 Outbreak; (5) any memoranda, correspondence, guidance, findings used in creating the President's Executive Order issued on June 22, 2020 titled Proclamation Suspending Entry of Immigrants Who Present a Risk to the U.S. Labor Market Following the Coronavirus Outbreak; (6) any standard operating procedures, memoranda, correspondence, guidance, checklists, and training materials, created, circulated or discussed on or after January 1, 2015 regarding expert opinions in petitions, support letters, and degree evaluations; (7) DHS standard operating procedures, memoranda, correspondence, guidance, checklists, and training materials, created, circulated or discussed on or after January 15, 2017; and (8) standard operating procedures, memoranda, correspondence, guidance, checklists, and training materials, created, circulated or discussed regarding the July 20, 2010 memo titled Clarifying Guidance on O Petition Validity Period Revisions to the Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM) Chapter 33.4(e)(2) AFM Update ADI0-36, PM-602-0003. (Case Number USCIS COW2021000979)

- On March 15, 2021 [redacted] an individual with *Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all notices issued by USCIS from February 24, 2020, through March 9, 2021, denying applications for adjustment-of-status pursuant to Section 212(a)(4)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(4)(A) and all records reflecting the number of adjustment-of-status applications adjudicated on an annual basis from 2015 through 2021 and the total number adjustment-of-status applications denied pursuant to Section 212(a)(4)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(4)(A) during that time period. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001009)
- On March 15, 2021 [redacted] an individual in Brooklyn, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of the late WWE Hall of Fame Wrestler Wayde Bowles. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001019)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On March 24, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will release to [redacted] a media representative with *Crosscut* in Washington, DC, 293 pages of records pertaining to the late Mergensana Amar's Alien File. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2019000042)
The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Asian American Advancing Justice v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00411-BAH), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On March 18, 2021, USCIS released 525 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS)*, (1:20-cv-02082), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 6, 2018, seeking copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers for fiscal year 2017. On March 22, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 549 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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From:
To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, March 25, 2021 – March 31, 2021
Date: Thursday, April 01, 2021 6:17:49 AM
Attachments: COW2021001075 Request.pdf
COW2020000531 Complaint.pdf
COW2021000502 Complaint.pdf
NRC2018159518 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf
COW2019500947 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501574 & COW2019501598 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On March 19, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *The Observer*, in Almoloya de Juarez, Mexico, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services: (1) the number of deaths of Mexican migrants who died due to Covid-19 in the U.S. in 2020 through the present; (2) the number of Mexican migrants who died due to Covid-19 in the U.S. whose remains were sent to mass graves after they weren't claimed by their relatives during 2020 through the present; (3) the location of mass graves where the remains of Mexican migrants who died in the U.S. due to Covid-19 were buried in 2020 through the present; (4) the age and gender of the Mexican migrants who died due to Covid-19 in the U.S. whose remains were buried in mass graves during 2020 through the present; (5) the number of migrants who were born in Central America who died in the U.S. due to Covid-19 whose remains were sent to mass graves after they weren't claimed by their relatives in 2020 through the present; and (6) the number of Mexican migrants who requested humanitarian aid during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW20210001075)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On March 25, 2019, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with the *Center for Internet and Society (CIS)* at Stanford Law School, in Stanford, California, 3,564 pages of records consisting of proposed modifications to the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) system of records. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number USCIS REM2019500001/COW2017001241/APP2019501128) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

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- On March 29, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] a representative of **Louise Trauma Center LLC**, in Washington, DC, 16 pages of records consisting of an assessment written by asylum officer and notes of the asylum officer for [redacted]. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. (Case Number COW2021000565) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On March 30, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] Senior Advisor with **American Oversight** in Washington, 65 pages of records pertaining to: (1) the aggregate number of applicants requesting a waiver from the requirements of the January 27, 2017, Executive Order (EO 13769); (2) the Second Executive Order (EO 13780), or the Proclamation (Proclamation 9645); (3) any and all decisions to deny any applicant a waiver; and (4) any and all decisions to grant any applicant a waiver. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C) and 7(E). (Case Number 2018-HQFO-00686 and USCIS COW2018000331) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On March 30, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] an attorney with **Walker, Gates, Vela, PLLC**, in Austin, Texas, 125 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File for the late Ian Fraser Kilmister, former singer and bassist of the British rock band, Motorhead. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2019501023) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On March 30, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services released to [redacted] a representative with **Rich Roots Genealogy** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 43 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late Joseph Anthony Buttigieg. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS NRC2019526420) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On March 31, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a professor at **Northwestern University** in Evanston, Illinois, 686 pages records consisting of documents from the Alien File of [redacted]. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to Privacy Act Exemptions (a)(d)(5), (a)(j)(2), (a)(k)(2), and FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C) and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS NRC2020117509) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of **Bautista et al. v. Cuccinelli, et al., (1:20-cv-00339)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 10, 2020, seeking all agency guidance, data and correspondence related to the processing of U-Visas. On March 29, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 1,109 pages and three Excel spreadsheets of records.

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In the matter of *El Hassane Tadli Souabni v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (20 -cv-02999), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 16, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the Immigration File of [redacted]. On March 30, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,402 pages of records.

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Commerce, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00912), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On March 30, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,364 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Immigration Center for Women and Children; ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al.*, (3:20-cv-03000), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On March 30, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 569 pages of records. complaint
- In the matter of *ACLU of Maine Foundation v United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), et al.*, (2:20-cv-00422-JA), the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 5, 2019, seeking information pertaining to approvals, referrals, and denials of affirmative asylum cases arising out of the Newark Asylum Office and Boston Asylum Sub-Office. On March 31, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 1,608 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.* (1:20-cv-00652-RC), the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 8, 2019, seeking any final policies, procedures, protocols, instructions or guidance regarding the transfer of responsibility for credible fear interview from asylum officers within USCIS to law enforcement agents within CBP. On March 31, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 985 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, April 1, 2021 – April 7, 2021
Date: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 6:58:18 AM
Attachments: COW2021001251 Request.pdf
COW2021001253 Request.pdf
COW2019000106 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On April 2, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Warnock for Georgia** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) correspondence between [redacted] and USCIS between January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2018. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001251)
- On April 2, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **Cato Institute**, in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data related to credible fear and reasonable fear for FY2008 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001253)

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On April 1, 2021, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **ABC10**, in Sacramento, California, 531 pages of records consisting of documents pertaining to the Alien File for the late Hafiz Abdul Rauf Kazi. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2019500238) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On April 2, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a member of the news media working for **Ekspress Meedia**, in Tallin, Estonia, 27 pages of records consisting of copies of all U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services documents about Irene Ilves. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6 and 7(E). (Case Number COW2019000074) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On April 7, 2021, the United States Citizenship, and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **California**

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Sunday Magazine in Phoenix, Arizona, 512 pages of records consisting of the complete Immigration File of the late Francisco Javier Madrid Holguin. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 3, 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2019500163) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Lawyers for Civil Rights v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (20-cv-11777), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 28, 2019, seeking records pertaining to drafting of the “public charge” regulation provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act. On April 6, 2020, USCIS released to the plaintiff 142 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, April 8, 2021 – April 14, 2021
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:57:17 PM
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COW2021001286 Request.pdf
COW2021001308 Request.pdf
COW2021001320 Request.pdf
COW2021001325 Request.pdf
COW2020000772 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000406 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On April 12, 2021, [redacted] a media representative with *The News Journal* in New Castle, Delaware, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the data on biometrics at the Application Support Center in Dover, Delaware. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001398)

Late requests

- On April 5, 2021, [redacted] a representative with **The Tahirih Justice Center** in San Bruno, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) any and all records that were prepared, received, transmitted, collected and/or maintained by USCIS that are dated on or after January 1, 2017, relating to the priority system, LIFO(last-in-first-out) and FIFO(first-in-first-out), for scheduling affirmative asylum interviews and the effect of that system on pending applications for asylum. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001286)
- On April 5, 2021, [redacted] a representative with **The Cato Institute** in Alexandria, Virginia, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data pertaining to I-589 asylum applications for FY 2008 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001308)
- On April 7, 2021, [redacted] a representative with **American Center for Law and Justice** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) any and all records, communications or briefings sent from, prepared by, sent to, received by, reviewed by, or in any way communicated to or by U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, his aides, staff, agents or representatives, or any U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), or USCIS official, pertaining to: (1) the administration's insistence that the present migrant surge at the southern border is a “challenge”

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and not a “crisis”; (2) what actions are being taken to protect unaccompanied minors and women from trafficking and/or exploitation; (3) what actions are being taken to stem and discourage the flow of migrants and unaccompanied minors; (4) what actions are being taken to protect Americans from crime, terror, drugs, trafficking or border crossers who are on the terror watch list and records that show the actual numbers of migrants in custody, the actual number of unaccompanied minors, the number of migrants released without a court date, the migrants with a criminal record, the originating country of the migrants and the number apprehended on the terror watch list; (5) DHS employees or DHS components being instructed not to talk to the press about the "challenge" on the border at all and to avoid calling it a crisis; (6) the number of migrants with COVID, including records showing what number of COVID positive migrants have been released into the United States, with a breakdown by those released without and with a court date, what is being done to track these COVID positive migrants, the detention facilities who have experienced an outbreak, and what steps are being taken to reduce the rate of infection inside the detention facilities; and, (7) any warnings by CBP or DHS staff that an overly rapid repeal of the Trump Administration's policies could lead to a surge in unaccompanied minors or migrants. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001320)

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- On April 7, 2021, [REDACTED] a media representative with *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty* in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all immigration records for the late Abddulreza Dehdashtinejad. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001325)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On April 13, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [REDACTED] a media representative with *Smithsonian Magazine* in New York, New York, 2,144 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File for the late Herman Frederick Marks. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2020001049) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On April 14, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [REDACTED] a private individual in Brooklyn, New York, 39 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late WWE Hall of Fame Wrestler Wayde Bowles. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2021001019) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [REDACTED] at the National Records Center. Email: [REDACTED]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [REDACTED]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS and United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02348)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 29, 2020, seeking records pertaining to; “Field staff training, all records that are used to train and re-train asylum officers at Newark Asylum Office, from 1-1-20 to the date you begin to process this request” On April 9, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 840 pages of records.

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- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, et al. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Department of State (DOS) et al., (8:20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records related to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On April 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 402 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 11, 2020, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2019. On April 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 547 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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From:
To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, April 15, 2021 – April 21, 2021
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:49:58 AM
Attachments: ATP Scan In Progress.msg
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On April 15, 2021, **Sean Okane**, a media representative with *The Verge* in Austin, Texas, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) copies of all documents related to a Form I-9 inspection of Faraday Future on or about May, 2018. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001459)
- On April 19, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *The State* in Columbia, South Carolina, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) statistical data pertaining to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival recipients residing in South Carolina as of December 31, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001494)

Late requests

- On April 14, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *The Colorado Springs Gazette* in Georgetown, Colorado, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien Files for the Boulder Shooting suspect Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa and his family members. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001451)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On April 19, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *Harper's Magazine* in New York, New York, 601 pages of documents pertaining to the text of all tips reporting H-1B Fraud and Abuse to the email helpline reporth1babuse@uscis.dhs.gov from April 2, 2017, to August 17, 2018. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2018001011) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and U.S. Department of State (DOS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-08905-JGK), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO) Directorate Combined Training Course. On April 16, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 70 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Asian American Advancing Justice v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00411-BAH), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2018, seeking records and statistical data pertaining to the new Policy Memorandum PM-602-0050.1. On April 16, 2021, USCIS released 164 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Emily Ryo v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (20-cv-01792), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 6, 2018, seeking records pertaining to all USCIS N-400 Naturalizations applications. On April 20, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff six Excel spreadsheets of records.

Respectfully,

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From:
To:



Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, April 22, 2021 – April 28, 2021
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 6:18:00 AM
Attachments: COW2018000343 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000772 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On April 23, 2021 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released t[redacted] a representative with **Georgetown University Law Center** in Washington, DC, 39 pages of records regarding Public Charge. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS NRC2018163432) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On April 28, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released t[redacted] a media representative in Chicago, Illinois, 509 pages pertaining to the Alien File of [redacted]. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2020000872) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On April 28, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released t[redacted] a private individual in Dublin, Ireland, 22 pages of records consisting of copies of the late [redacted] Alien File. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2020001860) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), (1:20-cv-02082)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 6, 2018, seeking copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers for fiscal year 2017. On April 22, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 617 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS and United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (1:20-cv-02348)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 29, 2020, seeking records pertaining to “Field staff training, all records that are used to train and re-train asylum officers at Newark Asylum Office, from January 1, 2020, to the date you begin to process this request”. On April 28, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,515 pages of records.

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From:
To:

Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, April 29, 2021 – May 5, 2021
Date: Wednesday, May 05, 2021 9:56:11 AM
Attachments: COW2021001625 Request.pdf
COW2021001669 Request Combined.pdf
COW2020000531 Complaint.pdf
COW2019500947 Complaint.pdf
NRC2018159518 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On May 2, 2021 [redacted] a representative of **Louise Trauma Center LLC**, in Washington, DC, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to an assessment written by an asylum officer and notes of the asylum officer for [redacted] (Case Number USCIS COW2021001669)

Late requests

- On April 28, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **USA Today** in Tallahassee, Florida, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of [redacted], the adopted son of Congressman Matt Gaetz (R-FL). (Case Number USCIS COW2021001625)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On April 30, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted], a media representative with **Pitchfork** in Menomonie, Wisconsin, 276 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late Danie Dumile, a rapper with the pseudonym MF DOOM. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2021000311) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

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V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Immigration Center for Women and Children; ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), (3:20-cv-03000)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On April 30, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 504 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On April 30, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,370 pages of records.
- In the matter of *ACLU of Maine Foundation v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (2:20-cv-00422-JA)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 5, 2019, seeking information pertaining to approvals, referrals, and denials of affirmative asylum cases arising out of the Newark Asylum Office and Boston Asylum Sub-Office. On April 30, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 1,741 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Bautista v. Cuccinelli, et al., (1:20-cv-00339)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 10, 2020, seeking all agency guidance, data and correspondence related to the processing of U-Visas. On May 3, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff one Excel spreadsheet.

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To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, May 6, 2021 – May 12, 2021
Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021 1:17:31 PM
Attachments: COW2021001756 Request.pdf
COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf
COW2020003241 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000148 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000406 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On May 6, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *Radio-Canada* in Montreal, Quebec, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the immigration records of the late Liborio Borsellino. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001756)

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On May 7, 2021, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **Immigration Law Reform Institute** in Washington, DC, 21 pages of records consisting of e-mails pertaining to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival status of [redacted] and [redacted] from Advisor [redacted] Counselor [redacted]. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2018000018) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. Department of State (DOS) et al., (8:20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records related to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019.

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On May 6, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 350 pages of records.

- In the matter of *Safe Passage Project v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:21-cv-03288), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 4, 2020, seeking records related to Freedom of Information Act processing guidance on "Unaccompanied Alien Child Screening Addendum," "CBP Form 93," and "suggested trafficking questions." On May 10, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff six pages of records.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA ("IIUSA") v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-02850), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 15, 2020, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2018. On May 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 54 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA ("IIUSA") v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.*, (1:20-cv-02850), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 12, 2020, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2019. On May 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 468 pages of records.

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, May 13, 2021 – May 19, 2021
Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 8:18:51 AM
Attachments: COW2021001849 Request.pdf
COW2021001862 Request.pdf
COW2021001863 Request.pdf
COW2021001865 Request.pdf
COW2021001808 Request.pdf
COW2018000831 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On May 13, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *Sun Sentinel Newspaper* in Tamarac, Florida, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the immigration records of [redacted] [redacted] (Case Number USCIS COW2021001849)
- On May 14, 2021 [redacted] a representative with the **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services all email communications sent by USCIS officials Tracy Renaud, Felicia Escobar Carrillo, Ashley Tabaddor, Amanda Baran, Carrie Selby, Kika Scott, Kathryn Anderson, and Michael Valverde containing any of the following key terms: terminology changes, Alien, noncitizen, foreign national, illegal alien, undocumented, assimilation, Policy Manual, A-file, Alien File, A-Number, Alien Number from January 20, 2017, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001862)
- On May 14, 2021 [redacted] a representative with the **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services all email communications sent between Kathryn Anderson, acting deputy chief of the Office of Policy and Strategy; and [redacted] [redacted] containing any of the following key terms: Temporary Protected Status; TPS; El Salvador; Haiti; Honduras; Nepal; Nicaragua; Somalia; South Sudan; Sudan; Syria; Venezuela; Yemen; Burma; Guatemala; Ramos v. Nielsen; Bhattari v. Nielsen; Saget v. Trump. All responsive records are from January 20, 2017, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001863)
- On May 14, 2021 [redacted] with the **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services all email communications sent by Amanda Baran, chief of the Office of Policy and

Strategy; Kathryn Anderson, acting deputy chief of the Office of Policy and Strategy; Mark Ludeking, detailed special assistant to the Office of Policy and Strategy and Strategy front office; and Karine Noncen5, detailed special assistant to the Office of Policy and Strategy front office; to any email address ending in who.eop.gov; .com; .net; .org; .edu; or .mail. All responsive records requested are from January 20, 2021, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001865)

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- On May 10, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *Radio Free Europe* in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services the immigration records of the late Raisa Zingman. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001808)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

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IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Matthew L. Hoppock v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:20-cv-00316-RCL)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 16, 2018, seeking records consisting of information regarding the following email accounts using the search terms: Operation Janus, Operation Second Look and “denaturaliz*” which should include its variants: denaturalized, denaturalization, denaturalize, HFE and Historical Fingerprint Enrollment. The search will be conducted in the following listed accounts for the time period January 20, 2017, through the present: (1) L. Francis Cissna, Director of USCIS; (2) Tracy Renaud, acting deputy director, USCIS; (3) Todd Young, acting chief of staff, USCIS; (4) Craig Symons, Chief, Office of Chief Counsel, USCIS; (5) Matthew D. Emrich, associate director Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate; and (6) Daniel Renaud, Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate. On May 18, 2021, USCIS release to the plaintiff 162 pages of records.

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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, May 20, 2021 – May 26, 2021
Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 7:06:21 AM
Attachments: [COW2021001943 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2021001887 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2021001891 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2021001914 Request.pdf](#)
[COW202000936 Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On May 13, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **American Center for Law and Justice** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) any and all records, communications or briefing sent from, prepared by, sent to, received by, reviewed by, or in any way communicated to or by U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, his aides, staff agents or representatives, or any U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), or USCIS Official, pertaining to: (1) the administration's insistence that the present migrant surge at the southern border is a "challenge" and not a "crisis"; (2) what actions are being taken to protect unaccompanied minors and women from trafficking and/or exploitation; (3) what actions are being taken to stem and discourage the flow of migrants and unaccompanied minors; (4) what actions are being taken to protect Americans from crime, terror, drugs, trafficking or border crossers who are on the terror watch list and records that show the actual numbers of migrants in custody, the actual number of unaccompanied minors, the number of migrants released without a court date, the migrants with a criminal record, the originating country of the migrants and the number apprehended on the terror watch list; (5) referencing or regarding in any way the subject matter of DHS employees or DHS components being instructed not to talk to the press about any border issue addressed in the Background section above; (6) the number of migrants with COVID, including records showing what number of COVID positive migrants have been released into the United States, with a breakdown by those released without and with a court date, what is being done to track these COVID positive migrants, the detention facilities who have experienced an outbreak, and what steps are being taken to reduce the rate of infection inside the detention facilities; and, (7) any warnings by CBP or DHS staff that an overly rapid repeal of the Trump Administration's policies could lead to a surge in unaccompanied minors or migrants; (8) the subject matter of cancellation or postponement of Operation

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Talon; (9) the subject matter of CBP's April 5, 2021, press release regarding the arrest of two aliens on the FBI's terror watch list and no-fly list, and the removal of that press release; (10) the subject matter of CBP's April 5, 2021, press release regarding the arrest of two aliens on the FBI's terror watch list and no-fly list, and the removal of that press release; and (11) the subject matter of arrest or detention of any person at the U.S. Border who is on any governmental terror-related or no-fly watch list. The timeframe of records requested is from November 4, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001943)

- On May 17, 2021, [redacted] representative with **Human Rights First** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data pertaining to all credible and reasonable fear determinations and all affirmative asylum adjudications from FY16 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001887)
- On May 17, 2021, **Jennifer Rosenbaum** with **Global Labor Justice-International Labor Rights Forum** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: (1) all R-1 petitions and documents related to review and determination for Indian nationals; (2) all documents related to audits, review, monitoring and related documents by U.S. Government agencies of these petitions; and (3) any memos related to the standards of review of R-1 visas by USCIS. The timeframe for the requested records is from 2011 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001891)
- On May 19, 2021, [redacted] a representative with **Global Labor Justice-International Labor Rights Forum** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. data pertaining to R-1 visa applications for petitioners from India from 2000 through 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001914)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On May 21, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with the **Center for Investigative Reporting**, 4,480 pages of documents related to Sarbanand Farms and Munger Farms H2A visa applications. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2018000484) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).
- On May 25, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **MuckRock News**, in Somerville, Massachusetts, 36 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late Adnan Khashoggi. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, and 7. (Case Number USCIS COW2019501337) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

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V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

In the matter of *Open Society Justice Initiative v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-00706-RC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 21, 2020, seeking records pertaining to implementation of civil and criminal denaturalization procedures in the United States. On May 26, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 40 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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From:
To:

Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, May 27, 2021 – June 2, 2021
Date: Wednesday, June 02, 2021 8:37:34 AM
Attachments: COW2021001956 Request.pdf
COW2021001978 Request.pdf
COW2021002015 Request.pdf
COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf
COW2019500947 Complaint.pdf
NRC2018159518 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On May 21, 2021 [redacted], a representative with **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): (1) all email communications sent from January 20, 2021, through the present, by the following government officials: Tracy Renaud, Felicia Escobar Carrillo, Ashley Tabaddor, Amanda Baran, Carrie Selby, Stephen McHale, Kathryn Anderson, Michael Valverde, Mark Philips, Alejandro Mayorkas, David Pekoske, David Shahoulin, Adam Hunter, and Angela Kelly, that contain any of the following key terms: civics test, naturalization civics test, 2008-2009 civics test, 2020 civics test, Executive Order 14012, and barriers to legal immigration; (2) all email communications sent from January 20, 2021 through the present, and documents that identify how each of the following inadvertently create(s) potential barrier to the naturalization process: 2020 civics test development process, 2020 civics test content, 2020 civics test testing procedures, and 2020 civics test implantation schedule; and (3) the following information for each Fiscal Year from FY2010 through FY2020 and today in FY2021: naturalization civics test pass rate for the 2008 through 2009 version of the test each Fiscal Year, naturalization civics test pass rate for the 2020 version of the test, and the number of inquiries received by the contact center regarding which version of the test an applicant takes between December 1, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001956)

- On May 23, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Human Rights First** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) statistics related to termination of withholding/deferral of removal for fiscal years 2008 through 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001978)

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- On May 26, 2021, [redacted] a representative with **American Oversight** in Washington, DC, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) email communications regarding key terms related to Migrant Protection Protocols from the following officials: (1) L. Francis Cissna; (2) Ken Cuccinelli; (3) Joseph Edlow; (4) Mark Koumans; (5) Kathy Nuebel Kovarik; (6) John Zadronzny; (7) Jennifer Higgins; (8) Robert Law; (9) any person serving in the capacity of Director of USCIS; (10) any person serving in the capacity of Chief of Staff; and (11) any person serving in the capacity of White House Liaison for the timeframe of May 24, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002015)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On May 27, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] an individual in Washington, DC, 325 pages of records consisting of documents and communications from to the Alien File of Dr. [redacted]. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS NRC2019003558) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On May 27, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **Louis Trauma Center LLC**, in Washington, DC, 14 pages of records pertaining to an assessment written by an asylum officer and notes of the asylum officer for [redacted]. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. (Case Number USCIS COW2021001669) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov, Phone: [redacted] (b)(6)

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Immigration Center for Women and Children; ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al.*, (3:20-cv-03000), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On May 28, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 285 pages of records.
- In the matter of *ACLU of Maine Foundation v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (2:20-cv-00422-JA), the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 5, 2019, seeking information pertaining to approvals, referrals, and denials of affirmative asylum cases arising out of the Newark Asylum Office and Boston Asylum Sub-Office. On May 28, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,317 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00912), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar

entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On May 28, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,413 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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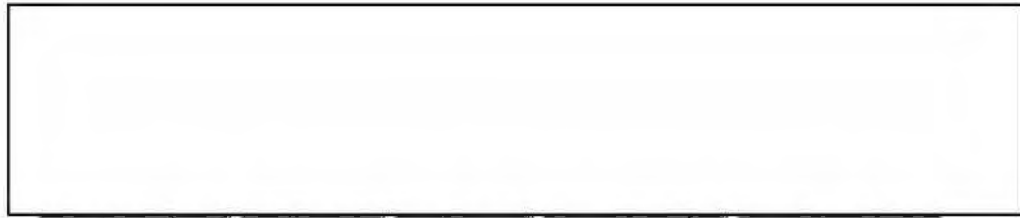
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From:
To:



Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, June 3, 2021 – June 9, 2021
Date: Wednesday, June 09, 2021 8:11:33 AM
Attachments: COW2021002035 Request.pdf
COW2021002066 Request.pdf
COW2021002073 Request.pdf
COW2021002089 Request.pdf
COW2021002090 Request.pdf
COW2021002093 Request.pdf
COW2021002115 Request.pdf
COW2020000659 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On May 27, 2021, [redacted] a media representative with ***Detroit News*** in Detroit, Michigan, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the names of all businesses that have requested H-2B visas in the state of Michigan from January 1, 2021, through May 26, 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002035)
- On June 1, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) email communications regarding key terms related to Temporary Protected Status for Haiti from the following officials: Tracy Renaud, Felicia Escobar Carrillo, Ashley Tabaddor, Amanda Baran, Kathryn Anderson, Rena Cutlip-Mason, and Sasha Ridley, for the timeframe of January 20, 2021, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002066)
- On June 1, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Kids in Need of Defense, Inc. (KIND)** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data pertaining to the Central American Minors Program and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status applications from November 1, 2014 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002073)
- On June 1, 2021 [redacted] a representative with the **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all records sent or received electronically by [redacted] from January 20, 2021 through the present. (Case Number USCIS [redacted])

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- On June 1, 2021 [redacted] a representative with the **Center for Immigration Studies**, in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration services all records sent or received electronically by [redacted] from January 20, 2021 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002090)
- On June 1, 2021 [redacted] a representative with the **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, all records sent or received by [redacted] from January 20, 2021, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002093)
- On June 3, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** in Atlanta, Georgia, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records prepared, received, transmitted, collected and/or maintained by USCIS which relate to: (1) Decision to adopt and Incorporate Matter of Z-R-Z-C, Adopted Decision 2020-02 (AAO 2020) as USCIS policy; (2) Development and drafting of the October 6, 2020 Policy Alert, PA-2020-17, Subject: Temporary Protected Status and eligibility for Adjustment of Status under Section 245(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which updated policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual regarding whether TPS beneficiaries are eligible for adjustment of status under section 245(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; (3) Implementation of the October 6, 2020, Policy Alert; (4) the number of adjustment of status cases filed by TPS beneficiaries and denied pursuant to the policies articulated in the October 6, 2020 Policy Alert; (5) the number of adjustment of status cases filed by TPS beneficiaries and denied pursuant to the policies articulated in the October 6, 2020, Policy Alert where the applicant was the subject of an unexecuted removal order; and (6) the number of adjustment of status cases filed by TPS beneficiaries between January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2020, and granted under the policy existing prior to the October 6, 2020, Policy Alert which recognized parole pursuant to TPS as parole under INA §245(a) for purposes of adjustment. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002115)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of **Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS, and United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (1:20- cv-02348)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 18, 2020, seeking records pertaining to; Instruction Guidance, training materials given to asylum officers at the Arlington, Virginia, asylum office, from January 1, 2020, through the present. On June 3, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff of 3,151 pages of records.
- In the matter of **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

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(DHS), and U.S. Department of State (DOS) et al., (8:20-cv-02042), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records related to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On June 4, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 374 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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From:
To:

Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, June 10, 2021 – June 16, 2021
Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 8:02:22 AM
Attachments: COW2021002233 Request.pdf
COW2021002141 Request.pdf
COW2021002195 Request.pdf
COW2020000148 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000406 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000340 Complaint.pdf
COW2020001950 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501574 & COW2019501598 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On June 10, 2021 [redacted] a representative with *Radio Free Europe* in Washington, DC, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the immigration records for the late Vladimir Zingman. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002233)

Late requests

- On June 4, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *Iowa Public Radio* in Iowa City, Iowa, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services a copy [redacted] denied asylum application and supplementary material that explains why his application was rejected. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002141)
- On June 9, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *Indiana Policy Review* in Indianapolis, Indiana, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the names of all new citizens (96) naturalized during July 3, 2018, ceremony at Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, conducted by U.S. District Court for southern District of Indiana. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002195)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On June 10, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *Radio-Canada* in Montreal, Quebec, 51 pages of records consisting of the immigration records of the late Liborio Borsellino. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2021001756) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

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V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

• For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]
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VI. **Litigation**

- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 15, 2020, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2018. On June 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 467 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 11, 2020, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2019. On June 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 498 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Invest in the USA (IIUSA) v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-00618-JBD)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 21, 2020, seeking records pertaining to most current and up-to-date USCIS EB-5 Adjudicator training materials for adjudicating EB-5 related petitions submitted before November 21, 2019, including PowerPoint or other presentations, memoranda and manuals. On June 15, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 852 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Invest in the USA v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (20-cv-02472)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 3, 2020, seeking records relate or refer in any way to the immigrant investor program Policy Manual for redeployment. On June 16, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 591 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v DHS et al. (1:20-cv-00652-RC)*, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 13, 2019, seeking any final policies, procedures, protocols, instructions or guidance regarding the transfer of responsibility for credible fear interview from asylum officers within USCIS to law enforcement agents within CBP. On June 16, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 118 pages of records.

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, June 17, 2021 – June 23, 2021
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 9:34:15 AM
Attachments: COW2021002307 Request.pdf
COW2021002302 Request.pdf
COW2020000936 Complaint.pdf
COW2019500947 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501193 Complaint.pdf
COW2018000343 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - On June 17, 2021, [redacted] a representative with the **Center for Constitutional Rights** and the **Southern Poverty Law Center** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): any and all records of credible fear interviews conducted between August 1, 2020, through the present which reflect: (1) the number of interviews conducted for all persons undergoing a credible fear interview, and for all Cameroonians undergoing a credible fear interview; (2) the number of interviews passed for all persons undergoing a credible fear interview, and for all Cameroonians undergoing a credible fear interview; and (3) the number of interviews failed, for all persons undergoing a credible fear interview, and for all Cameroonians undergoing a credible fear interview. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002307)

Late requests

- On June 16, 2021, [redacted] a media representative with **Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of the late [redacted] (Case Number USCIS COW2021002302)

- III. **Freedom of Information Act Releases**
 - On June 23, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted], a representative with the **American Immigration Council** in Washington, DC, five pages of data consisting of statistics and fee information related to H-1B, H-1B1, H-2B, L-1A, L-1B, LZ for the years 2006-2016. The records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2016001093 and REM2017000009) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

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IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Open Society Justice Initiative v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-00706-RC)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 21, 2020, seeking records pertaining to implementation of civil and criminal denaturalization procedures in the United States. On June 17, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 52 pages of records.
- In the matter of *ACLU of Maine Foundation v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (2:20-cv-00422-JA)*, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 5, 2019, seeking information pertaining to approvals, referrals, and denials of affirmative asylum cases arising out of the Newark Asylum Office and Boston Asylum Sub-Office. On June 17, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 16 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-03421-CJN)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 3, 2019, seeking records from June 1, 2019, through the present date, for: (1) records reflecting communications of John Zadrozny, with or about Stephen Miller or Robert Gabriel; including but not limited to communications containing the name "Stephen Miller" or email communications sent or forwarded to, received from, copying, or blind copying [redacted], or any other email addresses used by Stephen Miller, Robert Gabriel, Jr., or anyone else in the White House serving as an assistant, advisor, or scheduler for Stephen Miller; and (2) all email communications between John Zadrozny and Ken Cuccinelli, Andrew Veprek [redacted] and any other email addresses associated with Mr. Veprek, or Gene Hamilton [redacted] and any other email addresses associated with Mr. Hamilton). On June 18, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 111 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02082)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 6, 2018, seeking copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers for fiscal year 2017. On June 22, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 657 pages of records.

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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, July 1, 2021 – July 7, 2021
Date: Wednesday, July 07, 2021 8:12:34 AM
Attachments: COW2021002455 Request.pdf
COW2021002499 Request Combined.pdf
COW2020000551 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On June 27, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Louise Trauma Center** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a copy of all Asylum HQ-generated training materials provided to field offices from January 1, 2021, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002455)
- On June 30, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Louise Trauma Center** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records concerning professional training in country conditions referenced in 8 USC Section 1225(b)(1)(E), given to asylum officers at the Arlington asylum office from January 1, 2021, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002499)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Safe Horizon v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (21-cv-02328)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 19, 2020, seeking records pertaining to an applicant’s prior criminal contact in the adjudication of petitions for U nonimmigrant status and applications for adjustment of status for U nonimmigrants based on an underlying U nonimmigrant visa. On July 1, 2021,

USCIS released to the plaintiff 543 pages of records.

- In the matter of ***Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, et al. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. Department of State (DOS) (8:20-cv-02042)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records related to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On July 6, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 432 pages of records.

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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, July 8, 2021 – July 14, 2021
Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 10:20:50 AM
Attachments: COW2021002535 Request.pdf
NRC2020185521 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000148 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000406 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A
- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On July 1, 2021 [redacted], a media representative with *MuckRock News* in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to any memorandum or guidance from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of General Counsel (OGC) to USCIS Office of Chief Counsel (OCC) on the Matter of [redacted] or Matter of [redacted] (Case Number USCIS COW2021002535)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On July 8, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted], a representative with the **Urban Justice Center/International Refugee Assistance Project** in New York, New York, 107 pages of records pertaining to: (1) any and all draft memoranda of “Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security” signed on March 6, 2017; (2) any and all records relating to the drafting and formulation Sections 4(b) and 4(c) of the “Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security” signed on March 6, 2017; and (3) any and all records relating to the implementation of Sections 4(b) and 4(c), including the process and data for compiling the reports required in Sections 4(b) and 4(c). Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 5, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS NRC2017096416) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email:

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[redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Birach Law, PC v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) et al., (2:21-cv-11009)*, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 19, 2020, requesting the Alien File [redacted] On July 8, 2021, USCIS will release 1 page to plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 3, 2019, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2018. On July 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 392 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 11, 2020, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2019. On July 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 452 pages of records.

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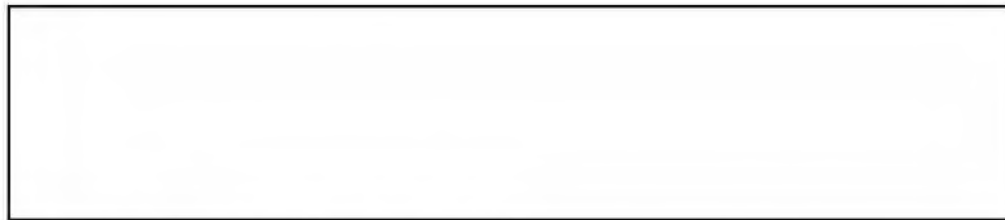
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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, July 15, 2021 – July 21, 2021
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 9:50:57 AM
Attachments: COW2021002709 Request.pdf
COW2021002664 Request.pdf
COW2021002666 Request.pdf
COW2021002694 Request.pdf
COW2019500446 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501245 Complaint.pdf
COW2020001950 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On July 16, 2021 [redacted] a representative with *Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES)* in San Antonio, Texas, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) policies, procedures, guidance, instructions, memoranda, manuals, standard operating procedures, data, and other similar information applicable to the acceptance, verification, processing, rejection, approval and notification of completed AR-11 forms, I-90 forms as they pertain to LPR cards. The requested records are for the timeframe of January, 2019, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002709)

Late requests

- On July 14, 2021 [redacted], an individual requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all emails sent between USCIS Director Leon Rodriguez’s staff and Jeff Bezos’ staff regarding a citizenship ceremony in 2016 (see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeff_Bezos#/media/File:Naturalization_Ceremony_\(27590969882\).jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeff_Bezos#/media/File:Naturalization_Ceremony_(27590969882).jpg).) (Case Number USCIS COW2021002664)
- On July 14, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *Muckrock News* in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): (1) communication records from September, 2020, containing the terms: “Ballard”, “Operation Underground Railroad”, or” Venezuela” generated by Joseph Edlow and from anyone at USCIS who would have been involved in the process of granting parole to Venezuelan nationals; (2) Forms I-131 filled out by any Venezuelan nationals in September, 2020; (3) Forms I-134 filled out by anyone supporting any Venezuelan nationals’ requests for parole in September, 2020; and (4) any relevant related memoranda, processing notes and communications. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002666)

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- On July 14, 2021 [redacted], a media representative with *MuckRock News* in Somerville, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): (1) communication records from August, 2020, containing the terms: “Ballard,” “Operation Underground Railroad,” or “Venezuela” generated by Joseph Edlow and from anyone at USCIS who would have been involved in the process of granting parole to Venezuelan nationals; (2) Forms I-131 filled out by any Venezuelan nations in August, 2020; (3) Forms I-134 filled out by anyone supporting any Venezuelan nationals’ requests for parole in September, 2020; and (4) any relevant related memoranda, processing notes, and communications. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002694)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and United States Department of State (DOS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-08905-JGK), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to most recent versions of Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO) Directorate Combined Training Course. On July 16, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 631 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Center for Democracy and Technology v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:21-cv-00134), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 27, 2019, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) use of social media data in adjudicating immigration benefits. On July 20, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 151 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Invest in the USA v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (20-cv-02472), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 3, 2020, seeking records relate or refer in any way to the immigrant investor program Policy Manual for redeployment. On July 20, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 788 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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From:
To:

Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, July 22, 2021 – July 28, 2021
Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 10:39:14 AM
Attachments: COW2021002807 Request.pdf
COW2021002818 Request.pdf
COW2021002849 Request.pdf
COW2021002765 Request.pdf
COW2021002799 Request.pdf
COW2018000343 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On July 22, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Jackson Lewis P.C.** in Omaha, Nebraska, requested from U. S Citizenship and Immigration Services all USCIS COVID-19 announcements, policies, guidance, and provisions relating to Form I-9 for the period between March 20, 2020, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002807)
- On July 22, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **Mel Magazine** in Brooklyn, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of the late Ion William Croitoru aka John Croitoru, a former professional wrestler and biker gang enforcer. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002818)
- On July 26, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **ProPublica** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): (1) copies of every Form I-129 and supporting documents filed on behalf of a P-1 A classified athlete intending to play professional baseball from 2004 through 2021; and, (2) any documentation on whether or not those P-1 A visa applications were successful. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002849)

Late requests

- On July 20, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **The Transparency Project** in Dallas, Texas, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) documents, records, recordings, communications, data, metadata and/or other tangible evidence regarding social media manipulation and domestic surveillance. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002765)
- On July 21, 2021 [redacted] a reporter with **Economic Hardship Reporting Project** in New York City, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) occupation and education

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statistics for asylum seekers from Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua beginning January 1, 2014, through 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002799)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), (1:20-cv-02082)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 6, 2018, seeking copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers for fiscal year 2017. On July 22, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 648 pages of records.

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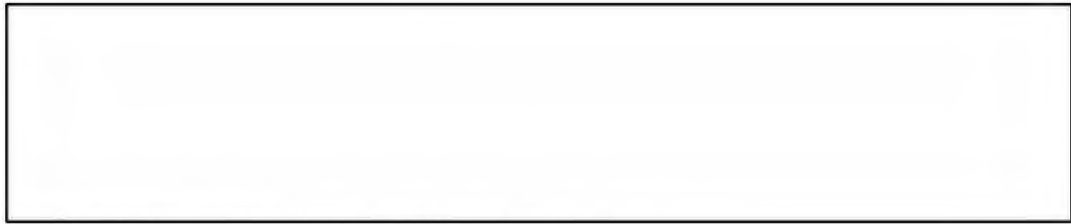
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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, July 29, 2021 – August 4, 2021
Date: Wednesday, August 04, 2021 8:18:42 AM
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COW2021002888 Request.pdf
COW2021002921 Request.pdf
COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf
NRC2018159518 Complaint.pdf
COW2019500947 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On August 2, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *USA Today* in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data pertaining H2-A workers by companies from FY2016 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002968)

Late requests

- On July 28, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *ProPublica* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data regarding P-1 visas files by specific companies from 2004 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002888)
- On July 28, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Foundation for Government Accountability** in Naples, Florida, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) strategic plan developed pursuant to President Biden Executive Order 14019. (Case Number USCIS COW2021002921)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *ACLU of Maine Foundation v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (2:20-cv-00422-JA), the plaintiff filed a

FOIA request on August 5, 2019, seeking information pertaining to approvals, referrals, and denials of affirmative asylum cases arising out of the Newark Asylum Office and Boston Asylum Sub-Office. On July 29, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 66 pages of records and two Excel spreadsheets.

- In the matter of *Immigration Center for Women and Children; ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (3:20-cv-03000)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On July 30, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 357 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On July 30, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,586 pages of records.

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From:
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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, August 5, 2021 through August 11, 2021
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 6:55:44 AM
Attachments: COW2021003020 Request.pdf
COW2021003022 Request.pdf
COW2021003030 Request.pdf
COW2021003031 Request.pdf
COW2021003033 Request.pdf
COW2021003065 Request.pdf
COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000551 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501324 Complaint.pdf
COW2019500017 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501227 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

- I. **Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - On August 5, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **American Oversight** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) emails sent from March 1, 2020, through the present, containing the terms: Operation Capio, Title 42, T-42, Public Health Safety Act, PHS, close the border, open the border, reopen the border, nonessential travel, sent by the following USCIS Officials: Tracy Renaud, Ken Cuccinell, Larry C. DeNayer, Joseph Edlow, Felicia Escobar, Aaron Calkins, A. Ashley Tabaddor, George Fishman, Stephen Dove, Jennifer B. Higgins, Matthew D. Enrich, Michael Valverde, Daniel Renaud, Amanda Baran, Robert Law, and anyone serving as each of the person's titles during the requested timeframe. (Case Number USCIS COW2021003020)

 - On August 5, 2021 [redacted], a representative with **American Oversight** in Washington, DC, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) email communications between multiple USCIS leaders regarding expulsion of migrants and Title 42. The search period for the request is March 1, 2020, through August 6, 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021003022)

 - On August 5, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **American Oversight** in Washington, DC, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) directives, orders or decisions regarding COVID-19 between multiple USCIS leaders regarding expulsion of migrants and Title 42. The search period for the request is March 1, 2020, through August 10, 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021003030)

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- On August 5, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **American Oversight** in Washington, DC, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) directives, orders or decisions regarding the collection and usage of biometrics of migrants between multiple USCIS leaders regarding expulsion of migrants and Title 42. The search period for the request is March 1, 2020, through August 10, 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021003031)
- On August 5, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **American Oversight** in Washington, DC, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) directive, order, decision, protocol, or guidance regarding whether and when to end the expulsion of migrants between multiple USCIS leaders under Title 42. The search period for the request is March 1, 2020, through August 10, 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021003033)
- On August 9, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with *The Washington Times* in Washington, DC, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) communication regarding the updated citizenship test from USCIS leadership. The search period for the request is January 1, 2021, through August 11, 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021003065)

Late requests

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- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact Mark Porter at the National Records Center. Email: mark.l.porter@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: 816-350-5700 ext. 5532

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, et al. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. Department of State (DOS) (8:20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records related to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On August 6, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 325 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Safe Horizon v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (21-cv-02328)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 19, 2020, seeking records pertaining to an applicant's prior criminal contact in the adjudication of petitions for U nonimmigrant status and applications for adjustment of status for U nonimmigrants based on an underlying U nonimmigrant visa. On August 5, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,137 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS, and United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (1:20-cv-02348)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 18, 2020, seeking records "concerning the special training for Iraqi and Syria cases given to Asylum Officers. Dates from January 1, 2018, through the present. On August 6,

2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff of 627 pages of records.

- In the matter of ***American Oversight v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00774-RC)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 29, 2018, seeking records pertaining communications from White House adviser Stephen Miller and his former executive assistant McLaurine Klingler on behalf of the current administration. On August 9, 2021, USCIS will release 1,694 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Manatt v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (Case No. 2:18-cv-01163-WB)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October, 23, 2018, seeking records regarding “Zero-Tolerance Policy for Criminal Entry”. On August 11, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 3,260 pages of records.

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To:



Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, August 12, 2021 – August 18, 2021
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 7:32:07 AM
Attachments: COW2021003184 Request.pdf
COW2020000148 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000406 Complaint.pdf
COW2019000106 Complaint.pdf
COW2018000343 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On August 12, 2021, [redacted] a media representative with *ProPublica* in Mitchellville, Maryland, requested from U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services data consisting of information from Form I-129 receipt files with P-1 visa status for specified petitioner firm names from January 1, 2002, through January 1, 2007, and from August 12, 2016, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021003184)

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On August 16, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **Gould School of Law** in Los Angeles, California, ten Excel spreadsheets of records pertaining to all USCIS N-400 applications. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2021003012) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 3, 2019, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2018. On August 12, 2021, USCIS released to the

plaintiff 308 pages of records.

- In the matter of ***Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 11, 2020, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2019. On August 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 539 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Lawyers for Civil Rights v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (20-cv-11777)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records pertaining to drafting of the “public charge” regulation provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act. On August 13, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 668 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Immigrant Investors Association, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), (1:20-cv-02082)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 6, 2018, seeking copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers for fiscal year 2017. On August 16, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 219 pages of records.

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, August 19, 2021 – August 25, 2021
Date: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 12:50:58 PM
Attachments: COW2021003265 Request.pdf
COW2021003293 Request.pdf
COW2021003400 Request.pdf
COW2021003266 Request.pdf
COW2020000659 Complaint.pdf
COW2021000981 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
- N/A

- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
- On August 20, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **International Refugee Assistance Project**, in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) copies of all USCIS systems, manuals, and policies training materials from January 1, 2016, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021003265)
 - On August 23, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Louise Trauma Center LLC**, in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) memoranda, along with any attachments, sent from Chief of Asylum Division to Asylum Office staff from July 1, 2021, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021003293)
 - On August 24, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **High Country News** in Albuquerque, New Mexico, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File for the late Gene Ching Kwong Tang. (Case Number USCIS COW2021003400)

Late requests

- On August 18, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Center for Immigration Studies**, in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) search terms regarding Temporary Protected Status on key USCIS leadership individuals. (Case Number USCIS COW2021003266)
- III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**
- On August 24, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a median representative with **Thomson Reuters** in New York, New York, 4,709 pages of records pertaining to Adjudication

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guidelines of the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status visas starting from October 2, 2016, through the present. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 5, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2017000960) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of **Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS, and United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (1:20-cv-02348)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 18, 2020, seeking records pertaining to; Instruction Guidance, training materials given to asylum officers at the Arlington, Virginia, asylum office, from January 1, 2020, through the present. On August 23, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff of 868 pages of records.
- In the matter of **Human Rights Watch v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (18-cv-1842 (N.D. Cal.))**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 18, 2021, seeking records consisting of copies of all USCIS asylum records of due process violations or misconduct by CBP. On August 23, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 155 pages of records.

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, September 9, 2021 – September 15, 2021
Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 7:27:18 AM
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COW2021003669 Request.pdf
COW2020000551 Complaint.pdf
COW2020001950 Complaint.pdf
COW2019500947 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000148 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000406 Complaint.pdf

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I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On September 14, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Oxfam America**, in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data pertaining to asylum claims made by asylum seekers from January 2021 through the present. (Case Number USICS COW2021003714)

Late requests

- On September 7, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **National Public Radio**, in Washington DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) information regarding Mariel Boatlift individuals. (Case Number USCIS COW2021003669)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On September 14, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will release to [redacted] a representative with **Muck Rock News** in Sommerville, Massachusetts, 715 pages of records, consisting of records pertaining to any electronic records sent to, sent from, or copied to ImmigranInvestorProgram@uscis.dhs.gov from January 1, 2016, through the present, containing the non-case sensitive keyword “Trump”. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 5, and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2017001105) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On September 15, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **The Legal Aid Society**, in New York, New York, five pages of records consisting of documents, guidelines and regulations pertaining to gangs. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2017001395) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

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IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov, Phone [redacted]

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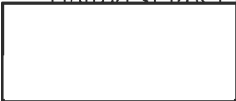
- In the matter of *Safe Horizon v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (21-cv-02328)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 19, 2020, seeking records pertaining to an applicant's prior criminal contact in the adjudication of petitions for U nonimmigrant status and applications for adjustment of status for U nonimmigrants based on an underlying U nonimmigrant visa. On September 10, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,202 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Invest in the USA v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (20-cv-02472)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 3, 2020, seeking records relate or refer in any way to the immigrant investor program Policy Manual for redeployment. On September 13, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 788 pages of records. This is a re-release of records from July, 2021's production since the plaintiff did not receive it.
- In the matter of *ACLU of Maine Foundation v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (2:20-cv-00422-JA)*, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 5, 2019, seeking information pertaining to approvals, referrals, and denials of affirmative asylum cases arising out of the Newark Asylum Office and Boston Asylum Sub-Office. On September 15, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 417 pages of records and 2 Excel spreadsheets.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA ("IIUSA") v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 3, 2019, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2018. On September 15, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 259 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA ("IIUSA") v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 11, 2020, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2019. On September 15, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 789 pages of records.

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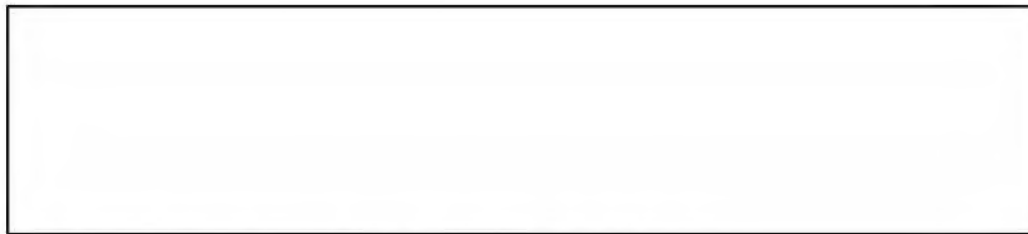
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To:



Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, September 23, 2021 – September 29, 2021
Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 2:30:04 PM
Attachments: COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- N/A

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Immigration Center for Women and Children; ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (3:20-cv-03000)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On September 29, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 374 pages of records.

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, September 30, 2021 – October 6, 2021
Date: Wednesday, October 06, 2021 8:36:24 AM
Attachments: NRC2018159518 Complaint.pdf
COW2019500962 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000659 Complaint.pdf
COW2021002232 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On September 30, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with the **Government Accountability Project** in New Orleans, Louisiana, 3,845 pages of records consisting of documents pertaining to all emails with the keywords “Kushner companies” from January 20, 2017, through August 7, 2017. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 5, and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2017000938) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On October 4, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **International Refugee Assistance Project** in New York, New York, 390 pages of records consisting of immigration records including WRAPS records for [redacted] Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS NRC2018032725) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On October 6, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted], a media representative who is a freelance journalist in New York, New York, 91 pages of records pertaining to contractual documents between the USCIS and Wonderlic and its subsidiaries. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS CNT2021000040) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs. or Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On September 30, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,494 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, (1:19-cv-03421-CJN)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 29, 2019, seeking records from June 1, 2019, through the present date, for: (1) all calendars or calendar entries for Kenneth T. Cuccinelli, including any calendars maintained on his behalf (e.g., by an administrative assistant or scheduler). American Oversight requests that the calendars be produced in a format that includes all invitees, any notes, and all attachments; (2) all email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, and calendar invitations) sent by acting users Director Kenneth T. Cuccinelli to any email address ending in .com, .net, .org, .edu, or .mail; and (3) all records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, phone logs, voicemail transcripts, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as WhatsApp or Signal), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) with or about Stephen Miller, including but not limited to communications containing the name "Stephen Miller" or email communications sent or forwarded to, received from, copying, or blind copying [redacted] On October 4, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 272 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, et al. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. Department of State (DOS) (8:20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records related to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On October 6, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 379 pages of records and 21 pages of a supplemental release.
- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS, and United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (1:20- cv-02348)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 18, 2020, seeking records pertaining to; Instruction Guidance, training materials given to asylum officers at the Arlington, Virginia, asylum office, from January 1, 2020, through the present. On October 6, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff of 822 pages of records.

- In the matter of *Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice et al., v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (2:21-cv-01214)*, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 4, 2020, seeking documents dated on or after January 1, 2019, involving in whole or in part instructions regarding the conduct of or decisions in credible fear of persecution or torture interviews and all training material shared with officers conducting credible fear interviews dated on or after January 1, 2019. On October 6, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 610 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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From:
To:



Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, October 7, 2021 – October 13, 2021
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 2:09:30 PM
Attachments: COW2021004032 Request.pdf
COW2021004070 Request.pdf
COW2021004040 Request.pdf
COW2021004076 Request..pdf
COW2020000148 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000406 Complaint.pdf
COW2019500947 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:
 - N/A

- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
 - N/A

Late requests

- On October 1, 2021 [redacted] a representative with the **Justice Action Center** in Los Angeles, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) information regarding the recent expulsion of Hattian migrants. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004032)

- On October 4, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **Law360** in Lakewood, Colorado, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services the schedule of USCIS Director Ur Jaddou for the dates of July 30, 2021, through October 4, 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004070)

- On October 6, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Immigration Reform Law Institute** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services all records pertaining to the reassignment, and removal of personnel, and whether replacement personnel would be assigned pertaining to USCIS' Denaturalization Unit in Pasadena, California, from January 20, 2021, through October 6, 2021. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004040)

- On October 6, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **The Washington Post** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of [redacted] (Case Number USCIS COW2021004076)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On October 13, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **The Associated Press**, in Houston, Texas, one Excel spreadsheet consisting of Form I-360 petitions received, approved, denied, and pending, by calendar month, for Fiscal Years 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017, and 2018 inclusive. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS [redacted])

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COW2017001476) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#),

- On October 13, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **Bangor Daily News** in Portland, Maine, 34 pages of records consisting I-924 applications and I-526 filings for Americas Green Card Regional Center, New England Center for Business Development, LLC and State of Maine EB-5 Regional Center, LLC. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2017001518) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#),
- On October 13, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a law student with **Stanford Center for Internet and Society** in Stanford, California, 224 pages of records consisting of documents pertaining to the updating of the A File System of Records, DHS Request Number 2018-HQFO-00053. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS NRC2017179492) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#),

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

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VI. Litigation

- In the matter of ***Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 3, 2019, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2018. On October 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 842 pages of records
- In the matter of ***Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 11, 2020, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2019. On October 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 432 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***ACLU of Maine Foundation v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (2:20-cv-00422-JA)***, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 5, 2019, seeking information pertaining to approvals, referrals, and denials of affirmative asylum cases arising out of the Newark Asylum Office and Boston Asylum Sub-Office. On October 13, 2021, USCIS will release to the plaintiff 417 pages of records and two Excel spreadsheets.

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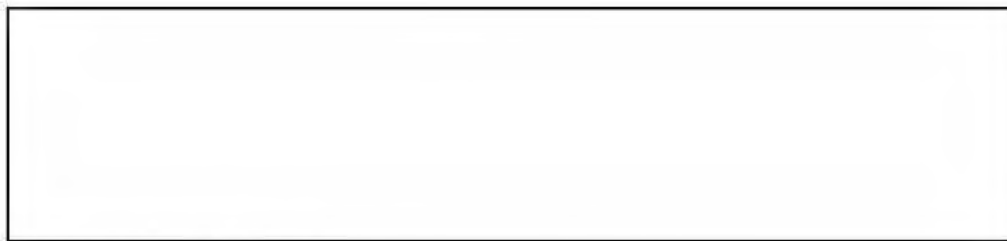
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To:



Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, October 28, 2021 – November 3, 2021
Date: Wednesday, November 03, 2021 8:30:36 AM
Attachments: [COW2021004499 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2021004500 Request.pdf](#)
[COW2018000789 Complaint.pdf](#)
[NRC2018159518 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2020000130 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf](#)
[COW2020000659 Complaint.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On October 25, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Rich Roots Genealogy** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the P File of Albert Einstein. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004499)
- On October 25, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **Rich Roots Genealogy** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the P File of Mary Anne Trump. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004500)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On November 3, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **The Missourian** in Columbia, Missouri, 293 pages of records regarding U.S. government outreach concerning TPS with Haitian and El Salvadoran communities. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2018000230) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On November 3, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

released to [redacted] a media representative with *Direct Travel* in Tenafly, New Jersey, 43 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late Adolf Jeske. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6 (Case Number USCIS COW2021003511) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Make the Road New York v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-04607)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2018, seeking records pertaining to all United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) communications and analyses pertaining to the public charge regulation. On October 28, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 12 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On October 29, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 967 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Immigration Center for Women and Children; ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (3:20-cv-03000)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On October 29, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 104 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Partially Important Productions, LLC v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:21-cv-02169)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 24, 2020, seeking any documents concerning settlement negotiations between the musician Lee Greenwood and USCIS over USCIS's alleged copyright infringement of Greenwood's song "God Bless the USA" and current Naturalization Ceremony Presentations. On November 1, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 76 pages of records and two power points.
- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, et al. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. Department of State (DOS) (8:20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records related to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On November 3, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 336 pages of records and three Microsoft Excel sheets.

- In the matter of **Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS, and United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (1:20- cv-02348)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 18, 2020, seeking records pertaining to: Instruction Guidance, training materials given to asylum officers at the Arlington, Virginia, asylum office, from January 1, 2020, through the present. On November 3, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff of 948 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, November 4, 2021 – November 10, 2021
Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 8:03:46 AM
Attachments: COW2019501324 Complaint.pdf
COW2021001286 Complaint.pdf
UPS CampusShip UPS - United States Bayrock Group New York Fifth Avenue.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On November 4, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] a representative with the *Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee*, in Washington, DC, 760 pages of records consisting of correspondence from 2011 through the present, between Congressman Louis “Lou” Barletta, (R-PA) and USCIS. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 5, and 6. (Case Number COW2017001322) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS, and United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (1:20- cv-02348)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 25, 2019, seeking records “concerning the special training for Iraqi and Syria cases given to Asylum Officers. Dates from January 1, 2018 through the date you begin to process this request.”. On November 4, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff of 84 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Tahirih Justice Center v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al.,(1:21-*

cv-04440), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 5, 2021, seeking records pertaining to; "last-in-first-out" (LIFO) system under which USCIS give priority to the most recently filed affirmative asylum applications when scheduling interviews - USCIS returned to LIFON (from FIFO) on January 29, 2018. Any and all responsive records prepared, received, transmitted, collected and or maintained by USCIS dated on or after January 1, 2017. On Tuesday November 9, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 414 documents.

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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, November 11, 2021 – November 17, 2021
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 8:20:54 AM
Attachments: COW2021004684 Request.pdf
COW2021004727 Request.pdf
COW2021004776 Request.pdf
COW2021004654 Request.pdf
COW2020000148 Complaint.pdf
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COW2020000551 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On November 11, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **BabyfacevHeel.com** in Brooklyn, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of the late Tomomi Tsuruta (A.K.A. Jumbo Tsuruta and Tommy Tsuruta), a Japanese professional wrestler turned college professor. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004684)
- On November 14, 2021 [redacted] an individual in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the P-File of the late Mary Trump. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004727)

Late requests

- On November 2, 2021 [redacted] an attorney with **Immigrant Justice Idaho** in Boise, Idaho, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) any and all medical records of [redacted] created during her detention at the Irwin County Detention Center in Ocilla, Georgia, approximately from November, 2019, through March, 2020. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004776)
- On November 9, 2021 [redacted] a representative with the **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU)** in Lincoln, Nebraska, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): (1) any records of communication received from or transmitted to an official or entity of the City of Fremont, Nebraska, including any agent or contractor of Fremont regarding the implementation and enforcement of the Ordinance pertaining to renter's attestation of citizenship or immigration status. The request seeks any pertinent records from 2014 through the present; and (2) any records of communication received from or transmitted to an official or entity of the City of Scribner, Nebraska, including any agent or contractor of Scribner regarding the implementation and enforcement of an identical Ordinance. The request seeks any pertinent records from 2018 through the present. (Case Number USCIS

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III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On November 12, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **Bloomberg** in Washington, DC, 760 pages of records pertaining to Executive Order 13780 Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States Initial Section 11 Report. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2018000133) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

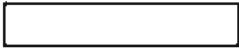
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 3, 2019, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2018. On November 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 2,857 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 11, 2020, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2019. On November 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,941 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Safe Horizon v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (21-cv-02328)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 19, 2020, seeking records pertaining to an applicant’s prior criminal contact in the adjudication of petitions for U nonimmigrant status and applications for adjustment of status for U nonimmigrants based on an underlying U nonimmigrant visa. On November 16, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 958 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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To:

Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, November 25, 2021 – December 1, 2021
Date: Wednesday, December 01, 2021 6:46:18 AM
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COW2021002383 Complaint.pdf
NRC2018159518 Complaint.pdf
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COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On November 29, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **MEL Magazine** in Brooklyn, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File for the late Walter Paul Sieber, a Canadian professional wrestler best known as Waldo Von Erich. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004933)

Late requests

- On November 15, 2021 [redacted] a research fellow with the **Cato Institute** in Alexandria, Virginia, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records or documents showing for each fiscal year from 2016 through 2021, the number of aliens approved and denied for parole by type of parole. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004753)
- On November 15, 2021 [redacted] a research fellow with the **Cato Institute** in Alexandria, Virginia, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the number of refugee applications pending (abroad), denied, approved, and received for each fiscal year from 2009 through 2022. (Case number USCIS COW2021004906)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On November 18, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] a representative with **Immigration Reform Law Institute/Federation for American Reform** in Washington, DC, two spreadsheets consisting of statistical information pertaining to Notice of Ineligibility for Resettlement applicants and Request for Review for principal applicants for FY 2009 through 2018. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS NRC2018169922) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

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On November 24, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* in Las Vegas, Nevada, 143 pages of the Private Placement Memorandum (PPM) and Econometric Analysis for the Las Vegas Regional Center. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, and 6. (Case Number USCIS NRC2018014185) The response is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (1:20-cv-02082)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 6, 2018, seeking copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers for fiscal year 2017. On November 19, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 339 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Justice Action Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) et al., (2:20-CV-06982)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 19, 2021, seeking Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program records including policies, guidance, correspondence, emails, reports and data. On November 19, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff two pages of records.
- In the matter of *Urban Justice Center's Domestic Violence Project and ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), et al., (1:21-cv-07587-JMF)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 22, 2021, seeking related to U-Visa Form I-918 and determining whether applications are Bona Fide under I.N.A. § 214(p)(6) from January 1, 2021, through the present. On November 19, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 146 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On November 30, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,451 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:19-cv-00912)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 17, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On November 30, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,074 pages of records.

- In the matter of *Immigration Center for Women and Children; ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (3:20-cv-03000)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On November 30, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 510 pages of records.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, December 2, 2021 – December 8, 2021
Date: Wednesday, December 08, 2021 7:10:02 AM
Attachments: COW2021005047 Request.pdf
COW2021005050 Request.pdf
COW2021005051 Request.pdf
NRC2021206094 Request.pdf
COW2021004959 Request.pdf
COW2021004961 Request.pdf
COW2021004972 Request.pdf
COW2021001524 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501121 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On December 3, 2021 [redacted], a media representative with the *Tampa Bay Times* in Tampa Bay, Florida, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data pertaining to all I-129 receipt files with R-1 visa status from April 1, 2017, through the present, involving the "Church of Scientology." (Case Number USCIS COW2021005047)
- On December 6, 2021 [redacted] a director with **The Democratic National Committee** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all email communications from January 3, 2019, through the present, between USCIS Director Ur M. Jaddou, Tracy Renaud, both as USCIS Acting Director and as Acting Deputy Director, and USCIS Chief of Staff Felicia Escobar Carrillo, and Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO) or any member of Senator Hawley's staff. This includes, but not limited to, any individuals using the email domain @hawley.senate.gov. (Case Number USCIS COW2021005050)
- On December 6, 2021 [redacted] a director with **The Democratic National Committee** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all email communications from January 3, 2019, through the present, between the former USCIS Director L. Francis Cissna, former USCIS Acting Director Ken Cuccinelli, Mark Koumans, both as USCIS Deputy Director and as Acting Director, former USCIS Acting Director Joseph Edlow, and Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO) or any member of Senator Hawley's staff. This includes, but is not limited to, any individuals using the email domain @hawley.senate.gov. (Case Number USCIS COW2021005051)

Late requests

- On October 25, 2021 [redacted] an attorney with **Espinoza Law Offices P.A.** in Lakeland, Florida, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a copy of the A-File of former Major League Baseball Player Randor Bierd De La Nieve. (Case Number USCIS NRC2021206094)
- On November 30, 2021 [redacted] a director with **The Democratic National Committee** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all email communications, including attachments, between sixteen USCIS officials and Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) or any staff member in Senator Lee's office. This includes, but is not limited to, any individuals using the email domain @lee.senate.gov. This request extends January 3, 2015, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004959)
- On November 30, 2021 [redacted] an attorney with **American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts (ACLU)** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) guidance, policies, standards, and procedures for the adjudication of Form I-212 applications from July, 2016, through the present. (Case number USCIS COW2021004961)
- On November 30, 2021 [redacted] a director with **The Democratic National Committee** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all email communications, including attachments, between seven USCIS officials and Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) or any staff member in Senator Cotton's office. This includes, but is not limited to, any individuals using the email domain @cotton.senate.gov. This request extends January 3, 2015, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004972)

III. **Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On December 8, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] with **Property of the People** in Washington, DC, 129 pages of records pertaining to records mentioning or referring to Kushner Companies from January 1, 2016, through the present. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. (Case Number USCIS COW2018000205) The release, final response letter, and request are uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).

IV. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals**

- N/A

V. **Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] ds Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. **Litigation**

- In the matter of **Laila L. Hlass, The Door - A Center of Alternatives v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al., (1:21-cv-02200)**, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 21, 2021, seeking data on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) and Form I-360 applications from fiscal years 2010 through 2021. On December 2, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff two Excel spreadsheets.

- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. et al., v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. Department of State (DOS) (8:20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records related to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On December 6, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 236 pages of records and 15 Microsoft Excel sheets.

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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, December 9, 2021 – December 15, 2021
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 6:57:07 AM
Attachments: COW2021005146 Request.pdf
COW2021005151 Request.pdf
COW2021005152 Request.pdf
COW2021005153 Request.pdf
COW2021005214 Request.pdf
COW2021001286 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000148 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000406 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000871 Complaint.pdf
COW2021002232 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000551 Complaint.pdf
COW2020000659 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- On December 9, 2021 [redacted] a representative with **The Cato Institute** in Washington, DC, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data pertaining to refugee approvals, denials, and pending cases from FY 2009 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2021005146)
- On December 9, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **MEL Magazine** in Marina del Ray, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of the late Hana Kimura, a former Japanese professional wrestler. (Case Number USCIS COW2021005151)
- On December 9, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **MEL Magazine** in Marina del Ray, California, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of the late Thomas Billington, better known as English professional wrestler Dynamite Kid. (Case Number USCIS COW2021005152)
- On December 9, 2021 [redacted] a media representative with **MEL Magazine** in Marina del Ray, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of the late Roderick George Toombs, better known as actor and professional wrestler "Rowdy" Roddy Piper. (Case Number USCIS COW2021005153)
- On December 13, 2021 [redacted], an individual in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) copies of all

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emails including attachments, from February 13, 2021, through December 13, 2021, sent to or received by Tammy Meckley, Associate Director, Immigration Records and Identity Services Directorate (IRIS), that contain any of the following words: genealogy, geneology, genealogist, genealogists, geneologist, geneologists, geneological, geneological. (Case Number USCIS COW2021005214)

Late requests

- N/A

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On December 10, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **Gould School of Law** in Los Angeles, California, 50 Excel spreadsheets of records pertaining to all USCIS N-400 applications. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2021003012) The spreadsheets and original request are uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).
- On December 13, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released [redacted] a media representative with **The Washington Post** in Washington, DC, 72 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late Shunjin An. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2021004076) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).
- On December 14, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **BabyfacevHeel.com** in Brooklyn, New York, 202 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late Tomomi Tsuruta (A.K.A. Jumbo Tsuruta and Tommy Tsuruta), a Japanese professional wrestler turned college professor. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW2021004684) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).
- On December 15, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **MEL Magazine** in Brooklyn, New York, 19 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late Walter Paul Sieber, also known as Waldo Von Erich. Portions of the release re withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2021004933) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#).

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of **Tahirih Justice Center v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); US Department of Homeland Security, (1:21-cv-04440)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 5, 2021, seeking records pertaining to; "last-in-first-out" (LIFO) system under which USCIS give priority to the most recently filed affirmative asylum applications when scheduling interviews - USCIS returned to LIFO (from FIFO) on January 29, 2018. Any, and all RR's

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prepared, received. Transmitted, collected and or maintained by USCIS dated on or after January 1, 2017. On Tuesday December 10, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 32 spreadsheets.

- In the matter of ***Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 3, 2019, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2018. On December 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,196 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Immigrant Investors Association, INC., dba Invest In The USA (“IIUSA”) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (1:20-cv-02850)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 11, 2020, seeking records consisting of copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers pursuant to program requirements for FY 2019. On December 12, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 898 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Louise Trauma Center LLC v. United States Department of Homeland Security, (1:21- cv-02371)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 4, 2020, seeking records “train the trainer instructions from headquarters to asylum offices, that were delivered to each asylum office, from January 1, 2020, through the date you begin to process this request.”. On December 13, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff of 87 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice et al., v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (2:21-cv-01214)***, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 4, 2020, seeking documents dated on or after January 1, 2019, involving in whole or in part instructions regarding the conduct of or decisions in credible fear of persecution or torture interviews and all training material shared with officers conducting credible fear interviews dated on or after January 1, 2019. On December 13, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,683 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Safe Horizon v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et al., (21-cv-02328)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 19, 2020, seeking records pertaining to an applicant’s prior criminal contact in the adjudication of petitions for U nonimmigrant status and applications for adjustment of status for U nonimmigrants based on an underlying U nonimmigrant visa. On December 14, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 1,000 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Louise Trauma Center v. Chad E. Wolf, Acting Secretary, DHS, and United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al., (1:20- cv-02348)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 25, 2019, seeking records "Instruction Guidance, training materials given to asylum officers at the Arlington, Virginia, asylum office, from January 1, 2020, through the present". On December 14, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff of 546 pages of records.

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Cc: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, December 16, 2021 – December 22, 2021
Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 2:05:33 PM
Attachments: NRC2021208877 Request.pdf
COW2021002691 Complaint.pdf
LIT2021000016 Complaint.pdf
COW2018000343 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On October 27, 2021, [redacted] a genealogist with **Wells Fargo Family & Business History Center** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of the late Helen Maxine Reddy, an Australian-American singer-songwriter. (Case Number USCIS NRC2021208877)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On December 16, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a representative with **Gould School of Law** in Los Angeles, California, 181 Excel spreadsheets of records pertaining to all USCIS N-400 applications. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2021003012) The spreadsheets and original request are uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On December 22, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with **The Counter** in New York, New York, 276 pages of records consisting of copies of I-129's filed by Pitts Farms Partnership from 2013 through 2021. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 5, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2021003737) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone: [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*, (1:21-cv-02914), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 14, 2021, seeking data regarding the ten leading nations of origin for self-petitioning spouses for the five most recent years for which data exists. On December 17, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff one Excel spreadsheet.
- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center LLC v. United States Department of Homeland Security*, (1:21- cv-02371), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 4, 2020, seeking records all records concerning the documentation center maintained by the Director of International Affairs. Please give us a table of contents, rules, procedures, policy statements, Dates: January 1, 2020, through the date of this request ". On December 17, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff of 104 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), et al.*, (1:20-cv-02082), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 6, 2018, seeking copies of all form I-924As filed by EB-5 Regional Centers for fiscal year 2017. On December 21, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 458 pages of records.

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Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly FOIA Report, December 23, 2021 – December 29, 2021
Date: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 7:13:57 AM
Attachments: NRC2021213210 Request Letter.pdf
NRC2018159518 Complaint.pdf
COW2019501816 Complaint.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning,

I. Efficiency and Transparency – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- N/A

Late requests

- On November 2, 2021 [redacted] an attorney with *Cadavid & Associates* in Phoenix, AZ requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of [redacted] (Case Number USCIS NRC2021213210)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On December 23, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *MEL Magazine* in Marina del Rey, California, 18 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late Thomas Billington, better known as English professional wrestler Dynamite Kid. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2021005152) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)
- On December 23, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to [redacted] a media representative with *MEL Magazine* in Marina del Rey, California, 52 pages of records consisting of documents from the Alien File of the late Roderick George Toombs, better known as actor and professional wrestler "Rowdy" Roddy Piper. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2021005153) The release is uploaded into SharePoint: [Click here to view](#)

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- For appeals actions, contact [redacted] at the National Records Center. Email: [redacted]@uscis.dhs.gov Phone [redacted]

VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Immigration Center for Women and Children; ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)*, (3:20-cv-03000), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 10, 2019, seeking records which relate to the discretionary adjudication of Adjustment of Status for U Nonimmigrants under INA § 245(m). On December 29, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 361 pages of records.

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) et al.*, (1:19-cv-00912), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 19, 2018, seeking records of calendar entries for L Francis Cissna, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Robert Law, and anyone who served as White House Liaison. On December 29, 2021, USCIS released to the plaintiff 664 pages of records.

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