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RE: DHS FOIA APPEAL NUMBER 2021-HQAP-00028; FOIA Request Number 2020-HQFO-00801

Dear Mr. Evers:

On or about September 9, 2021, Attorney Advisor Stuart Keefe **REMANDED** this matter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for further action concerning your FOIA Request Number 2020-HQFO-00801. That letter gave DHS 30 days to comply. To date, our office has not received a response from DHS. Therefore, this letter constitutes final agency action and you are now able to appeal this matter to Federal District Court.

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This decision is the final action of DHS concerning DHS FOIA APPEAL NUMBER 2021-HQAP-00228; FOIA Request Number 2021-OBFO-05700. You may seek judicial review of this decision, per 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(B) in either the United States District Court: 1) where you reside; 2) the district where the pertinent agency is situated; or 3) in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren S. Staiti".

Lauren S. Staiti
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