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June 23, 2020

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Re: **2020-HQFO-00918**

Dear Mr.Evers:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated March 31, 2020, and received by this office on April 7, 2020.

Specifically, you are seeking

1. Any final assessments prepared by your agency's staff that evaluate the quantity and availability of critical supplies needed to address the novel coronavirus outbreak, including but not limited to personal protective equipment (PPE) like gloves, masks, face shields, surgical gowns or medical equipment, like hospital beds and ventilators.
2. Any final assessments prepared by your agency's staff or provided by any other federal agencies or officials, including but not limited to the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Labor, or the Federal Reserve, that evaluate the possible economic ramifications of the novel coronavirus outbreak or the quantity and availability of funds to disburse to states to compensate for economic damage.
3. Any assessments provided to your agency by any other federal agencies or officials, including but not limited to members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institute of Health (NIH), the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), that evaluate the health and safety risks associated with the novel coronavirus outbreak, including regarding the virus's infection curve, the trajectory of its spread, the vulnerability of specific populations, and the efficacy of precautionary health measures like social distancing.

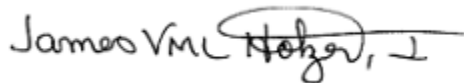
We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Department of Homeland Security/ FEMA's National Response Coordination Center (NRCC), National Response Data and Analysis Task Force (DATF), National Resource Prioritization Cell (NRPC), and the Office of Response and Recovery (ORR). for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within the Department of Homeland Security/ FEMA's National Response Coordination Center (NRCC), National Response Data and Analysis Task Force (DATF), National Resource Prioritization Cell (NRPC), and the Office of Response and Recovery (ORR), that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(e)(2). Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2020-HQFO-00918**. You may send an e-mail to foia@hq.dhs.gov, call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

Sincerely,



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