



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 2, 2020

Re: 2020-04-004

Mr. Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Email: foia@americanoversight.org

VIA EMAIL

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the Department of the Treasury's (Treasury) acknowledgement of, and final response to, your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 1, 2020. You requested "the resignation letter and/or email of Jessie Liu from Treasury."

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. A reasonable search was conducted for records responsive to your request. The search for records resulted in locating 1 responsive page; released in part during the processing of Treasury FOIA case 2020-02-105. Therefore, I am sending you the previously released responsive document, with portions of the page withheld pursuant to exemption (b) (6) of the FOIA 5 U.S.C 552.

FOIA Exemption 6 provides protection for records and information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individual in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information.

There are no fees assessed at this time since allowable charges fell below \$25.

Since Treasury's response constitutes an adverse action, you have the right to appeal this determination within 90 days from 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. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for your appeal. Please also cite the FOIA reference number noted above. Your appeal should be addressed to:

FOIA Appeal
FOIA and Transparency
Privacy, Transparency, and Records
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

If you submit your appeal by mail, clearly mark the letter and the envelope with the words “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within **90 days** from the date of this letter.

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact Paul Levitan, the FOIA Public Liaison, for assistance via email at FOIAPL@treasury.gov, or via phone at (202) 622-8098.

A FOIA Public Liaison is a supervisory official to whom FOIA requesters can raise questions or concerns about the agency’s FOIA process. FOIA Public Liaisons can explain agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, provide an estimated date of completion, and discuss how to reformulate and/or reduce the scope of requests in order to minimize fees and expedite processing time.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may contact the agency directly at the following address, emails, fax, or telephone numbers:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Toll free: 1-877-684-6448
Fax: 202-741-5769

Please note that contacting any agency official (including the FOIA analyst, FOIA Requester Service Center, FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90- day appeal clock.

If additional questions arise concerning this action, please contact Amy Thomas at (202) 622-1599; or via email at FOIA@treasury.gov. Please reference the above request number when inquiring about this request.

Sincerely,

**Paul
Levitan**

Paul Levitan

Director, FOIA & Transparency

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Enclosures:

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Responsive document set (1 page)

JESSIE K. LIU

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February 12, 2020

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In light of President Trump's withdrawal of my nomination, I resign my position as Counselor to the Secretary effective close of business today.

I am grateful to the President for nominating me and for having given me the opportunity to serve our nation both in the Treasury Department and in the Department of Justice. I also wish to thank you for your assistance and support of me during the nomination process.

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Sincerely,

Jessie K. Liu