



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 20, 2020

RE: Treasury FOIA Case# 2020-07-115

Mr. Austin Evers
American Oversight
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Washington, DC 20005

Email: foia@americanoversight.org

SENT Via Email

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the Department of the Treasury's (Treasury) acknowledgement and final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on July 20, 2020. You requested:

"1. Copies of any SF-50 forms for any political appointees at the GS-13 level or higher at your agency reflecting a change to a permanent competitive, nonpolitical excepted service, or career SES position.*

2. Records sufficient to identify any requests to OPM (including any approvals, rejections, or other responses from OPM) to appoint any current or former (within five years) Executive Branch political appointees at the GS-13 level or higher to permanent competitive, non-political excepted service, or career SES position (including but not limited to any pre-appointment request checklist forms OPM 5000 or 5001, or other forms used for the requests, documentation submitted with the requests, and decisions conveyed in response to the request).*

3. Records sufficient to identify any requests to OPM (including any approvals, rejections, or other responses from OPM) under 5 CFR § 3318(a), (c)(1), for approval to pass over a preference eligible or object to an eligible (including but not limited to forms SF-62 or other forms used for the request, documentation submitted with the requests, and decisions conveyed in response to the request."

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. Treasury Departmental Offices conducted a search and located no records responsive to your request. 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:

Ryan Law, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Privacy, Transparency and Records
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, you may contact 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, email, 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 any questions arise, please contact Scott Longenhagen at (202) 622-2234 or email at FOIA@treasury.gov. Please refer to FOIA request 2020-07-115 with any inquiries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacqueline J. Scott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jacqueline J. Scott
FOIA Analyst, FOIA and Transparency
Privacy, Transparency, and Records

Enclosure:
FOIA Request