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Dear Ms. Evers:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received on January 28, 2019. You requested "all records reflecting costs reimbursed or paid directly by your agency for any reimbursable expenses attributable to any political appointee. Payments or reimbursements include any payments associated with travel (including the travel of any staff or security detail assigned to a political appointee), long-term housing, the cost of government transportation, individual airfare for government employees and/or their spouses, lodging, meals, per diem payments, rental vehicles, overtime payments, payments made via government issued credit cards or travel cards, or any other reimbursable expenses."

The total cost of travel expenses attributable to any political appointee occurring between December 21, 2018 and January 25, 2019 was \$55,011.31.

I am the person responsible for this determination. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may appeal to Judith S. Kaleta, Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590. If you prefer, your appeal may be sent via electronic mail to ost.foia.appeals@dot.gov. An appeal must be received within 90 days of the date of this determination and should contain any information and arguments you wish to rely on. The Deputy General Counsel's determination will be administratively final.

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Sincerely,

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