



**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

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December 8, 2021

Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th St. NW, Ste. B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Austin Evers:

We received your request for information relating to the following:

All records reflecting communications (including email messages, email attachments, calendar invitations, memoranda or background material for meetings, or handwritten or typed notes taken during meetings) between any political appointees• at your agency and any employee or representative of Ballard Partners, including, but not limited to, any of the following individuals:

- a)Any individual using ,m email address ending in ballardfl.com,
- b)Brian Ballard,r
- c)Sylvester Lukis,
- d)Susan "Susie" Wiles,
- e)Dan McFaul,
- f)Rebecca Benn,
- g)Justin Saylie,
- h)James "Jamie" Rubin,
- i)Otto Reich,
- j)Raj Shah
- k)Pam Bondi,
- l)Robert Wexler,
- m)Jose Felix Diaz,
- n)Katherine San Pedro,
- o)Karl Bowers,
- p)Sara Pennington,
- q)Hannah Walters, or
- r) Sara Nuvy.

We conducted a search based on the criteria provided in your request and we did not locate any responsive records.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal within 90 days of 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. You may file an administrative FOIA appeal to USCIS at: USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Cynthia Munita, for assistance at:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office
P.O. Box 648010
Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010
Telephone: (800) 375-5283
E-Mail: FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov

A FOIA Public Liaison is an agency official to whom FOIA requesters can raise concerns about the service the requester has received from the agency's FOIA Office. FOIA Public Liaisons are responsible for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal Agencies. The OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Telephone: (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448
Email: OGIS@nara.gov
Website: ogis.archives.gov

Questions concerning this FOIA/PA request may be mailed to the FOIA/PA Officer at the PO Box listed at the top of the letterhead or emailed to FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov. Please include the control number listed above on all correspondence with this office. You can now submit a new FOIA request online using our new Freedom of Information Act Records System (FIRST). If you wish to submit a new FOIA/PA request, please visit www.uscis.gov/FOIA for instructions and requirements.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Munita
Director, FOIA Operations