



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Office of Administration
Washington DC 20420

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American Oversight
Mr. Austin Evers
1030 15th Street N.W. Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in which you are asking for correspondences." My office received this request on March 7, 2019 under FOIA tracking number 19-04694-F.

Pursuant to your request, the Office of Administration conducted a search of records and did not locate any communication between political appointees and any employee or representative of Ballard Partners or any of the individuals stated in the FOIA request.

You have the right to appeal this determination. You may do so by writing to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel (024), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20420. The appeal letter must be postmarked no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the adverse determination. The envelope and the letter should be marked: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT APPEAL." The appeal letter must clearly state the reason for the appeal. The appeal letter should also include: (1) the name of the FOIA Officer, (2) the address of the component, (3) the date of the component's determination, if any, and (4) the precise subject matter of the appeal.

If you do appeal only a portion of the determination, you must specify which part of the determination you are appealing. Please enclose a copy of this letter and your original request. You may also include a daytime telephone number in case the Office of General Counsel needs additional information.

No fees are being charged for the processing of this request.

This concludes the Human Resources and Administration response to your request.

Sincerely,



Delores Tyms-Williams, DBA

FOIA Officer

Human Resources and Administration