



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs
Washington DC 20420



February 12, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 14, 2019, in which you requested "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 an email address ending in ballardfl.com,
- b) Brian Ballard,
- c) Sylvester Lukis,
- d) Susan "Susie" wiles,
- e) Dan McFaul,
- f) Rebecca Benn,
- g) Justin Sayfie,
- 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) Hannan Walters, or
- r) Sara Nuvy."

Your request was referred to the Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs on **March 14, 2019**.

Your request has been assigned FOIA Tracking Number **19-04679-F**. Please refer to it whenever communicating with this office about your request.

Please be advised that no responsive records pertaining to your request were located within the Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs.

Your request was processed by the undersigned. You may appeal the "no records" determination made in this response to:

General Counsel (024)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

If you should choose to make an appeal, your appeal must be postmarked no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the adverse determination. It must clearly identify the determination being appealed and must include any assigned request number.

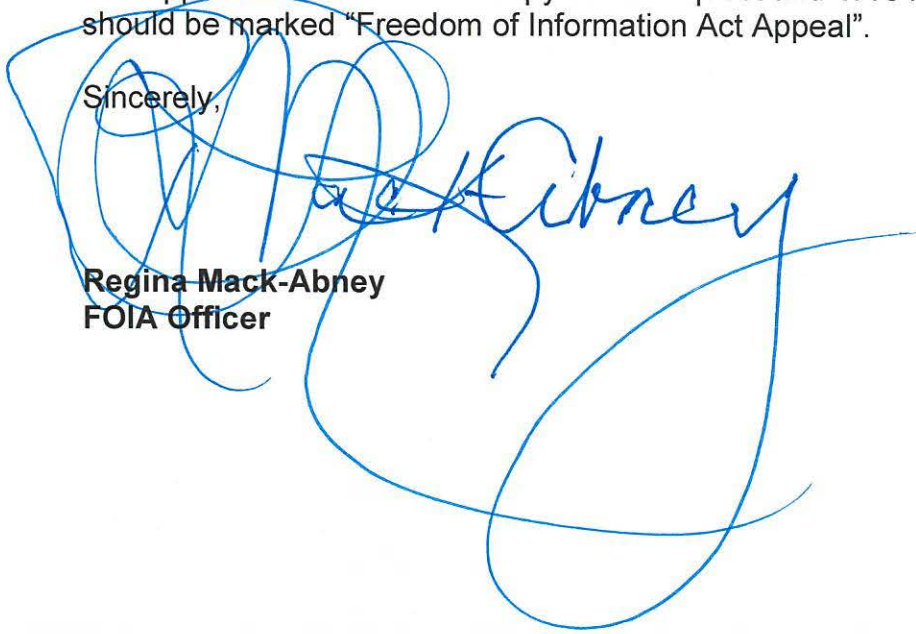
The appeal should include:

1. The name of the FOIA Officer
2. The address of the component
3. The date of the component's determination, if any
4. The precise subject matter of the appeal

If you choose to appeal only a portion of the determination, you must specify which part of the determination you are appealing.

The appeal should include a copy of the request and VA's response, if any. The appeal should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

Sincerely,



Regina Mack-Abney
FOIA Officer