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September 30, 2020

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

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
FOIA Control No.: 19-FI-HQ-01441 and 19-FI-HQ-01596
Civil Action No.: 19-cv-2814

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the first interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received on June 24, 2019 and July 19, 2019, respectively. You asked for copies of Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) records from September 1, 2018 through the date of the search, consisting of communications between HUD political appointees in the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Office of General Counsel, HUD leadership offices with specific White House Counsel staff regarding congressional oversight of specific matters and general policies, concerns, and considerations related to congressional oversight of the executive branch.

For this response, please be advised that an electronic search have been conducted and as a result of this search, records responsive to your request have been located. The Department has identified the following:

Program Office/Custodian	Pages Released	Redactions
Office of General Counsel – Paul Compton	5	1 pages contain b(5) redactions (deliberative process); 3 pages contains b(6) redactions (personal privacy)
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations – Seth Appleton	10	2 pages contain b(5) redactions (deliberative process privilege); 6 pages contains b(6) redactions (personal privacy)
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations – Len Wolfson	24	13 pages contains b(6) redactions (personal privacy)
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Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations – Michael Kelley	18	2 pages contain b(5) redactions (deliberative process); 7 pages contains b(6) redactions (personal privacy)
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Your request is granted in part. Enclosed are documents responsive to your request. I am withholding portions of emails and attachments pursuant to the deliberative process privilege of FOIA Exemption 5. Exemption 5 protects inter-agency or intra-agency records which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the Department. The release of this internal information would reflect HUD's predecisional, deliberative process, and would discourage open and candid advice, recommendations, and exchanges of views within the Department. I am also withholding White House email addresses and cell phone numbers pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. Exemption 6 protects information the release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The interest of the general public in reviewing those portions of government documents does not outweigh the individuals' right to privacy.

For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and any information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, the Department does not release personal information, such as home address, telephone number, or Social Security number, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

If you have any questions regarding your request, you may contact Department of Justice – Federal Programs Branch trial attorney, Alexander Sverdlov at 202-305-8550. Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,

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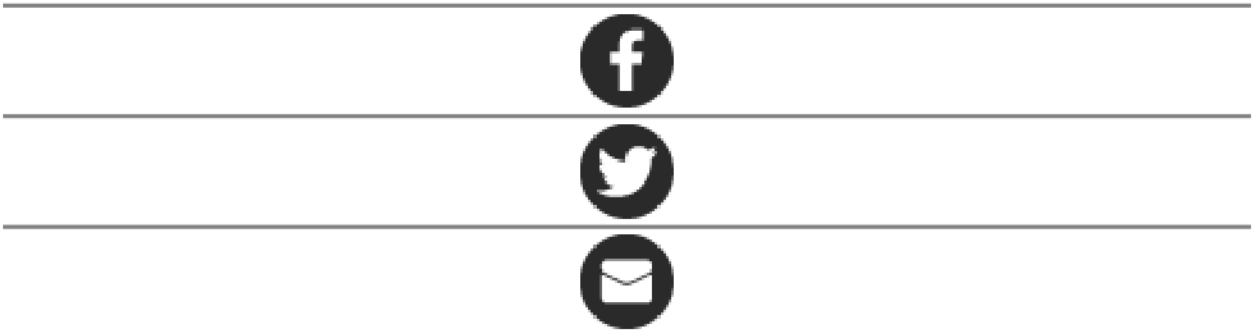
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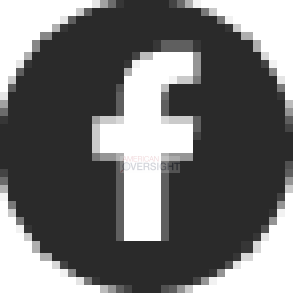
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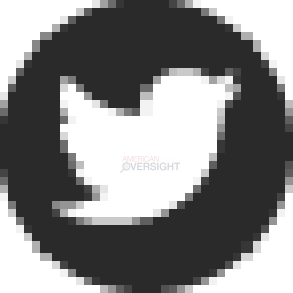


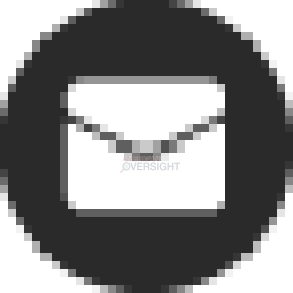
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Sent: 28 Jan 2019 15:09:56 +0000
To: Wolfson, Len
Cc: Littrell, Avery;Chara;Christian, William;Diaz-Marrero, Jose;Dietrich, Ross;Chappell, Perry;Bollinger, Jennifer;Jeff Freeland
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Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2018 6:10 PM
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Have a nice night-
Maggie

Sent from my iPhone

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Maggie,

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Len

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FEMA

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Washington, DC 20528

December 21, 2018

Honorable Jon Bel Edwards
P.O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Governor Edwards:

This letter is in response to your correspondence to President Trump, dated November 27, 2018, requesting that the President waive any requirements that Small Business Administration (SBA) loans are a prohibited duplication of benefit with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The President requested I respond.

Section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) (42 U.S.C. § 5155) prohibits federal agencies from providing disaster relief for a loss in the form of financial assistance for which an individual or entity has received financial assistance under another program, insurance or any other source.

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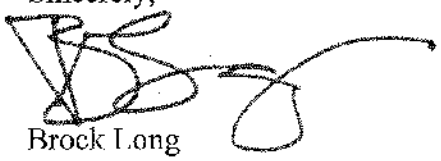
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Pursuant to the amended Section 312, an SBA loan is not a prohibited duplication of benefit with a grant provided under the CDBG program, administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As such, there is no duplication for the President to waive pursuant to the new Section 312 waiver procedures. However, the DRRA did not direct agencies to make any program or policy changes with respect to whether grant funds could be used for repaying SBA loans. Instead, whether particular federal grant funds are available for the purpose of paying down an SBA loan is a determination reserved for the grant awarding agency, pursuant to its program authorities and appropriations. I am therefore forwarding your request to HUD Secretary Carson for his consideration.

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Thank you for your interest in disaster recovery. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,



Brock Long
Administrator

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-Mike Dendas

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10-4. Let's connect after. Best of luck. Also, generally speaking, (b)(5) Deliberative Privilege (b)(5) Deliberative Privilege

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FEMA

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Washington, DC 20528

December 21, 2018

Honorable Jon Bel Edwards
P.O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Governor Edwards:

This letter is in response to your correspondence to President Trump, dated November 27, 2018, requesting that the President waive any requirements that Small Business Administration (SBA) loans are a prohibited duplication of benefit with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The President requested I respond.

Section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) (42 U.S.C. § 5155) prohibits federal agencies from providing disaster relief for a loss in the form of financial assistance for which an individual or entity has received financial assistance under another program, insurance or any other source.

Section 1210(a) of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) (Division D of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, Public Law 115-254) amends Section 312 of the Stafford Act to authorize the President, in certain limited circumstances and at the request of a Governor, to waive a duplication of benefit otherwise prohibited by Section 312. Importantly, the law does not require the President to issue a waiver. Instead, the President may issue a waiver if he determines a waiver is in the public interest and will not result in waste, fraud, or abuse.

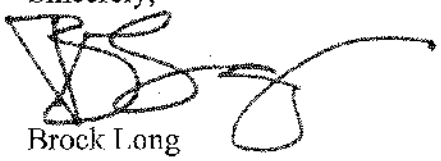
The DRRA's amendment to Section 312 also changes what constitutes a duplication under Section 312 by prohibiting the President from considering a loan to be a duplication of benefit, provided that all Federal assistance is used toward a loss suffered as a result of the major disaster or emergency. This change regarding loans is independent of the new waiver provision, and is not subject to a 45-day response period that applies to waivers.

Pursuant to the amended Section 312, an SBA loan is not a prohibited duplication of benefit with a grant provided under the CDBG program, administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As such, there is no duplication for the President to waive pursuant to the new Section 312 waiver procedures. However, the DRRA did not direct agencies to make any program or policy changes with respect to whether grant funds could be used for repaying SBA loans. Instead, whether particular federal grant funds are available for the purpose of paying down an SBA loan is a determination reserved for the grant awarding agency, pursuant to its program authorities and appropriations. I am therefore forwarding your request to HUD Secretary Carson for his consideration.

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Thank you for your interest in disaster recovery. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,



Brock Long
Administrator

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Sent: 28 Feb 2019 13:25:50 +0000
To: McGaughey, Jon T. EOP/WHO
Cc: Ludlow, Ashley (Ashley.Ludlow@hud.gov)
Subject: FW: Patton statement
Attachments: Statement from Lynne Patton for the record.pdf

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Cc: Simon, Ammon G <Ammon.G.Simon@hud.gov>; Appleton, Seth D <Seth.D.Appleton@hud.gov>
Subject: Patton statement

Attached is Lynne's statement that Rep. Meadows entered into the hearing record.

From: Fitzpatrick, Paul <Paul.Fitzpatrick@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 2:56 PM
To: Wolfson, Len <Len.Wolfson@hud.gov>
Subject: RE:

Len,

Sorry for the delay. Our team was tied up in the hearing.

The document is attached. It was entered into the record.

Paul

Paul Fitzpatrick
Chief of Staff

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Congressman Mark Meadows – North Carolina's 11th District
2160 Rayburn | 202-225-6401 Office | (b)(6) Cell

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Paul,

Any update on whether this statement was submitted into the hearing record? And can you please forward a copy to me?

Len

From: Wolfson, Len
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 12:21 PM
To: paul.fitzpatrick@mail.house.gov
Subject:
Importance: High

Paul,

I just tried calling you. Can you please give me a quick ring at your earliest convenience? My direct dial and cell are below.

Thank you.

-Len

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Statement from Lynne Patton

As someone who considered Michael Cohen one of my very best friends for the past 10+ years, virtually inseparable during our tenure at the Trump Organization (and even before) having personally introduced me to the Trump family, leading to my subsequent employment therein, and arguably, my current job, the only word that comes to mind this week is sad.

I am sad that Michael has elected to leverage his own personal illegal activities into nothing more than political theater this week with the sole partisan purpose to embarrass a sitting President with unfounded personal or professional gossip.

I am sad that Michael would turn his back on a man to whom he has repeatedly said he owes everything in the hope of a reduced prison sentence.

Lastly, I'm sad for myself.

Sad that I have wasted so much time and energy caring, supporting and loving a man I now realize I truly never knew.

If Michael Cohen had anything of substance to offer against the President of the United States, Mueller would not have rejected his plea for leniency and Cohen would not be going to jail. Period.

Above all, I am sad that Michael would, once again, on a world stage, levy unsubstantiated claims, particularly against a man who has single-handedly raised five of the most unbiased and open-minded children I've ever known. Four of whom I count among my very best friends, to date.

I stated this in my viral video back in 2015 and I'll say it again: as the daughter of a man born in Birmingham, Alabama, there is no amount of money in the world that would make me work for a man who I thought harbored bigoted or racist ideologies. People who have known this man far less than I have have been offered over seven figures to write best-selling works of fiction, yet the thought has never crossed my mind. So I truly mean it when I say there is no amount of money in the world to make me either work for (nor sell out) this family. Zero.

The bottom line is that, much like Omarosa Manigault Newman, it does not take someone 15 years to figure out someone is a racist. Unless of course, they're not one.

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We've received the below oversight request. We can discuss tomorrow.

-Len

From: Cooper, Beth (Banking) <Beth_Cooper@banking.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 4:38 PM
To: Wolfson, Len <Len.Wolfson@hud.gov>
Cc: Hardy, Stanley (Banking) <Stanley_Hardy@banking.senate.gov>
Subject: Regional Administrator Patton

Dear Len –

Lynne Patton, HUD's Region II Regional Administrator, appeared at a non-HUD-related Congressional hearing today.

We have the following questions about this appearance. Can you tell us:

- Was Regional Administrator Patton on leave from official duties during her appearance at the hearing earlier today?

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- Were any HUD funds expended for Regional Administrator Patton's travel or lodging related to her appearance at the hearing?
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We would appreciate your response to these questions not later than COB Thursday, February 28th. Please let me know if you have any questions about this request.

Thank you very much –
Beth

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Ben

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Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 9:56 AM
To: Cantrell, Benjamin B. EOP/OMB <(b)(6)>; Kelley, Michael J <Michael.J.Kelley@hud.gov>
Cc: Canfield, Ryan N. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Freeland, Jeff K. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Appleton, Seth D <Seth.D.Appleton@hud.gov>
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FYI, the Secretary will be having a call with Rep. Graves and Co. on this issue this afternoon.

-Mike Dendas

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From: Cantrell, Benjamin B. EOP/OMB <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2018 1:09 PM
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Merry Christmas.

Benjamin Cantrell
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On Dec 20, 2018, at 13:06, Kelley, Michael J <Michael.J.Kelley@hud.gov> wrote:

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From: Hardy, Johanna <Johanna.Hardy@mail.house.gov>
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Subject: RE: HUD call

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Date: Dec 20, 2018, 12:29 PM
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