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Delivered via Electronic Mail

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Re: First Interim Response for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. 2019-OSEC-05565-F

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is an interim response to the above-referenced FOIA request received by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Information Affairs (OIA). The request sought:

1. All email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, and calendar invitations) from October 1, 2018, through the date the search is conducted, sent by any of the USDA officials listed below to any of the following organizations:
 - i. The Heritage Foundation, including anyone with an email address ending in @heritage.org;
 - ii. American Enterprise Institute, including anyone with an email address ending in @aei.org;
 - iii. The Cato Institute, including anyone with an email address ending in @cato.org;
 - iv. Americans for Prosperity, including anyone with an email address ending in @americansforprosperity.org;
 - v. FreedomWorks, including anyone with an email address ending in @freedomworks.org;
 - vi. The Hudson Institute, including anyone with an email address ending in @hudson.org;
 - vii. The Foundation for Government Accountability, including anyone with an email address ending in @thefga.org.
2. To the extent not responsive to Part 1 of this request, all email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, and calendar invitations) from October 1, 2018 through the date the search is conducted, sent by any of the USDA officials listed below to any email address ending in .com, .net, .org, .edu, or .co, that include the following terms:
 - i. "Child support"
 - ii. "State Child Enforcement Program"

- iii. “Failure to cooperate”
- iv. “Non-custodial parent”
- v. “Custodial parent”
- vi. “Late payment”
- vii. “Work requirement”
- viii. “Able-bodied adult without dependents”
- ix. “ABAWD”

For Parts 1 and 2 of this request, American Oversight requests that USDA produce the responsive records of the following individuals:

- i. Brandon Lipps, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, and anyone acting on his behalf such as a chief or deputy chief of staff, scheduler, assistant, or advisor;
- ii. Stephen Censky, Deputy Secretary, Food and Nutrition Service;
- iii. Maggie Lyons, Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary, Food and Nutrition Service;
- iv. Kailee Tkacz, Policy Advisor to the Under Secretary, Food and Nutrition Service;
- v. Ken Barbic, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, Office of Congressional Relations;
- vi. Abby Fretz, Director of Congressional Relations, Office of Congressional Relations;
- vii. Jessica Shahin, Associate Administrator SNAP, Food and Nutrition Service;
- viii. Lizbeth Silberman, Director, SNAP Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service; and
- ix. Sasha Gersten-Paal, SNAP Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service.

Your request regarding custodians Jessica Shahin, Lizbeth Silberman, and Sasha Gersten-Paal was routed to the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) on July 18, 2019. On April 1, 2021, you agreed to waive receipt of attachments.

Your request is being processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

An electronic search for responsive records was conducted by the Client Experience Center’s (CEC) eComply team. The CEC provides comprehensive, fee-for-service information technology (IT) associated operations, security, and technical support services to USDA end users. The CEC also implements and manages enterprise IT solutions for users Department-wide. The CEC searched the email accounts associated with the custodians mentioned in your request for the time period from October 1, 2018 through July 22, 2018, the date the search was conducted. The search located records responsive to your FOIA request. For this first interim response, the OIA reviewed a total of seventy-one (71) pages of emails.

The OIA continues processing your request and will issue a final response.

Following a review of the responsive records, the OIA has determined that certain information contained therein should be withheld pursuant to U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (6) (FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6). Below is an explanation of the information that has been withheld.

FOIA Exemption 5 – Attorney-Client

The OIA is withholding information under the attorney-client privilege. This privilege protects confidential communication between an attorney and his/her client relating to a legal matter for which the client has sought professional advice. Although this privilege fundamentally applies to facts divulged by a client to his/her attorney, this privilege also encompasses any opinion given by an attorney to his/her client based upon those facts, as well as communications between attorneys that reflect client supplied information.

In this instance, the OIA is withholding information shared internally whereby legal advice is being sought from and provided by the Department's counsel.

These confidential communications are shielded from disclosure in order to encourage open and frank discussions between the Department and its legal advisors. Ensuring the Department receives sound legal advice promotes public policy, and this advice depends on counsel being fully informed. The release of these confidential communications would inhibit the Department's ability to provide pertinent information and would impair the Department's counsel from making well-informed legal decisions.

FOIA Exemption 6

Exemption 6 generally is referred to as the "personal privacy" exemption. It provides that the disclosure requirements of FOIA do not apply to "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." Application of the exemption involves balancing the public's interest in disclosure against individuals' privacy interests.

The information withheld under Exemption 6 consists of mobile phone numbers, direct phone numbers, personal email addresses, a teleconference access code, and email addresses belonging to employees of the Executive Office of the President (EOP). This information qualifies as "similar files" because it is information in which individuals have a privacy interest. Moreover, releasing the information could subject the individuals to unwarranted or unsolicited communications, or even harassment. As for the teleconference access code, participants have a privacy interest in ensuring no uninvited individual is listening in on the call. Because there is a viable privacy interest that would be threatened by disclosure, Exemption 6 authorizes this office to withhold the information. Accordingly, we have determined that the public interest in the information's release does not outweigh the overriding privacy interests in keeping it confidential.

You have the right to appeal the OIA's determinations. Due to the need to issue more than one determination in order to fully resolve your request, your appeal rights for all determinations in response to this request will be provided to you in our final response letter.

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You may seek dispute resolution services from the OIA's FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Harald Fuller-Bennett. Mr. Fuller-Bennett may be contacted by telephone at (202) 239-4522, or electronically at Harald.FullerBennett@usda.gov or USDAFOIA@usda.gov.

You also have the option to seek assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please visit <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/mediation-program/request-assistance> for information about how to request OGIS assistance in relation to a FOIA request.

If you have any questions regarding the processing of this request, please contact Ms. Susan Ruppel at (202) 694-5982 or electronically at Susan.Ruppel@usda.gov or USDAFOIA@usda.gov.

For additional information regarding USDA FOIA regulations and processes, please refer to the information available online at www.dm.usda.gov/foia.

The OIA appreciates your patience as we continue processing the remainder of your FOIA request.

Sincerely,

Alexis R. Graves

Alexis R. Graves
Director
Office of Information Affairs

Enclosure: Responsive Records (71 pages)

From: [Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [John Cusey](#)
Subject: Re: FNS Child Support announcement
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 2:54:11 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

That's great news. Thank you for your support!

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From: John Cusey <John.Cusey@AEI.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 2:53:33 PM
To: Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: FNS Child Support announcement

This is fantastic. I expect Robert to have a positive, public response within the next day or so. This is good work.

From: Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Maggie.Lyons@usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2019 2:23 PM
To: John Cusey <John.Cusey@AEI.org>
Subject: FNS Child Support announcement

Hi John,

I apologize for the phone tag the past few days!

Given both your and Robert's interest in this issue, I wanted to highlight [this press release](#) from USDA, posted this afternoon.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you,
Maggie



Maggie Lyons

Chief of Staff/Senior Advisor
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United States Department of Agriculture
Office: 202-720-3332
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Cc: [Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Samantha Brooks](#)
Subject: RE: Two questions from Robert Doar
Date: Friday, March 15, 2019 3:22:35 PM

Hi Chatavia,

Just wanted to follow up on the email below and see if it would be okay to have John Cusey join the meeting on Monday. Please let me know at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Best,
 Maryanna

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To: Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC <Maggie.Lyons@osec.usda.gov>; Maryanna Mitchell <Maryanna.Mitchell@AEI.org>

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To: [Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Two questions from Robert Doar
Date: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:46:57 AM

Thank you, Maggie!

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Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:13 AM
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Date: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 6:33:37 PM

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Hi Robert -

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Thanks!

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Subject: Re: Invitation to speak
Date: Thursday, November 8, 2018 9:03:40 PM

Thanks for the invitation, Robert. We will look at the calendar and see if we can make this work.

I hope all is well with you.

From: "Robert Doar" <Robert.Doar@AEI.org>
Date: Monday, November 5, 2018 at 11:31:06 AM
To: "Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Brandon.Lipps@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Invitation to speak

Dear Brandon:

I hope you are well.

I am writing to ask you to participate in a plenary panel at the National Child Support Enforcement Association's policy forum in February here in Washington.

The NCSEA Policy Forum provides a unique opportunity for IV-D Directors, researchers, policy experts and child support and human services professionals to discuss and learn about the most recent developments and initiatives on the federal, state and local levels. Experts in the Legislative and Executive branches, as well as experts from within our own community, provide the latest information on issues that impact the child support program.

It is my hope that as an expert and major leader of SNAP, you would be willing to share your thoughts on how all federal Administrators can collaborate to best serve our neediest families and what barriers exist that result in continue work in human services silos. I am also inviting representatives from the Medicaid and TANF programs to participate. After each panelists gives his or her thoughts, there will be a moderated discussion followed by a short question-and-answer session from the audience.

The forum will be from February 7th to February 9th at the Renaissance Washington DC, Downtown Hotel. This panel is currently scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 9 from 10:30 AM to noon.

We hope you are able to join us, as we think you will provide a valuable perspective to the panel.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Yes I saw it and thanks

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Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2018 3:39 PM
To: Robert Doar <Robert.Doar@AEI.org>
Subject: Secretary Perdue ABAWD letter

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Thanks!
Maggie



Maggie Lyons

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Date: Friday, June 21, 2019 2:07:47 PM

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Sam

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Have a great weekend,

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To: "(b) (6)" <(b) (6)>, "Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Brandon.Lipps@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Kristina Rasmussen <kristina@thefga.org>, Robin Walker <Robin@thefga.org>
Subject: Child Support Cooperation call

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To: [Tvrdy, Joe - FNS](#); [Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Miller, Pam - FNS](#)
Cc: [Young, Chatavia - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Child Support Cooperation call
Date: Monday, June 10, 2019 3:10:17 PM

Yes please – thank you Joe. Will need talking points for Brandon as well. Chatavia – could you please hold on Brandon’s schedule?

From: Tvrdy, Joe - FNS
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2019 11:14 AM
To: Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC <brandon.lipps@usda.gov>; Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC <Maggie.Lyons@usda.gov>; Miller, Pam - FNS <pam.miller@usda.gov>
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Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 2:01 PM
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Subject: Re: Child Support Cooperation call
Date: Friday, June 7, 2019 11:15:08 AM

I'm good.

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From: [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Robin Walker](#)
Subject: RE: Work Requirement and Waiver Abuse
Date: Friday, April 26, 2019 8:29:32 PM

This is awesome!

From: Robin Walker <Robin@thefga.org>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 4:15 PM
To: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC <kailee.tkacz@usda.gov>
Subject: Work Requirement and Waiver Abuse

<https://thefga.org/poll/poll-food-stamps-work-requirements/>

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From: [Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Introduction
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2019 5:21:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Sure! We are both here and pretty free that week.

From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 3:28 PM
To: Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC <Maggie.Lyons@osec.usda.gov>; Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brandon.Lipps@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Introduction

Ray is not in that day, but I'd like to join if y'all will have me. We'll have to find another time for Robert to come in with Ray. The week of the 25th is ideal for him since SP will be out that whole week.

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From: Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 3:14:16 PM
To: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC; Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Re: Introduction

We have a meeting with him already set for the 18th at 2:30 on child support. If Ray is free it seems like it would make sense for him to stop in to that one if he can. We might be able to ask him to come in a half hour early for something separate with Ray. As you know we talk to him often.

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From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 3:10:28 PM
To: Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC; Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: FW: Introduction

Can you guys do the week of the 25th?

From: Maryanna Mitchell <Maryanna.Mitchell@AEI.org>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:34 PM
To: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Robin Walker <Robin@thefga.org>; Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC <Raymond.Starling@osec.usda.gov>; Kristina Rasmussen <kristina@thefga.org>; Robert Doar <Robert.Doar@AEI.org>; Samantha Brooks <Samantha.Brooks@AEI.org>
Subject: RE: Introduction

Hi Campbell,

I am happy to help coordinate a meeting. Robert's schedule is pretty flexible the week of March 25th. Are there a couple of days and/or times that week that would work for you, Ray, and Brandon?

Best,
Maryanna



Maryanna Mitchell
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From: Robert Doar <Robert.Doar@AEI.org>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:16 PM
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Cc: Robin Walker <Robin@thefga.org>; Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC <Raymond.Starling@osec.usda.gov>; Kristina Rasmussen <kristina@thefga.org>; Maryanna Mitchell <Maryanna.Mitchell@AEI.org>
Subject: Re: Introduction

Yes I would like to Robert

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 4, 2019, at 2:54 PM, Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Robin,

Thanks so much for the connection. I actually had the opportunity to meet Robert briefly at the White House a while back with Leslie Ford.

Robert, would you be interested in coming in to meet with Ray, Brandon, and me if we can align our schedules sometime in the next month?

Campbell

From: Robin Walker <Robin@thefga.org>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 10:39 AM
To: robert.doar@aei.org; Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC

<Raymond.Starling@osec.usda.gov>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: Kristina Rasmussen <kristina@thefga.org>

Subject: Introduction

Ray and Campbell,

I wanted to introduce you to Robert Doar--a tremendous wealth of knowledge and expertise on welfare reform, particularly SNAP, as he administered 12 public assistance programs for Mayor Bloomberg. Robert is currently a Fellow and President-to-be at the American Enterprise Institute.

We had a nice meeting with Robert a couple of weeks ago and thought it would be good to make an introduction!

Regards,
Robin

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From: [Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting Request: Friday February 15th
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:41:22 PM

This is something they offered and we agreed to do with Brandon the last time they were in and we all met with them out at FNS.

Happy to check calendars tomorrow am.

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From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 10:38:42 AM
To: Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Fwd: Meeting Request: Friday February 15th

FYI for us to discuss.

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From: Robin Walker <Robin@thefga.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 10:24:09 AM
To: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
Cc: Elizabeth B. Stelle; jpb@commonwealthfoundation.org
Subject: Re: Meeting Request: Friday February 15th

Hi Campbell,

I apologize for the delay. We would be very glad to meet with Brandon and Maggie!

Robin

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From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <campbell.shuford@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 2:50 PM
To: Robin Walker
Cc: Elizabeth B. Stelle; jpb@commonwealthfoundation.org
Subject: RE: Meeting Request: Friday February 15th

Hi Robin,

Both of us will unfortunately be out of town on the 15th. I am happy to check in with Brandon and Maggie to see if they are available on the 15th!

Campbell

From: Robin Walker <Robin@thefga.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 10:50 AM
To: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Elizabeth B. Stelle <ebs@commonwealthfoundation.org>; jpb@commonwealthfoundation.org
Subject: FW: Meeting Request: Friday February 15th

Hello Campbell,

PA legislators just got their committee assignments yesterday so committee meetings/hearings just got put on the calendar and it looks like Friday February 15th will work much better than Thursday February 14th for them.

Would it be possible to meet with you and Ray on Friday middle of the day/early afternoon on the 15th?

Thank you for considering,
 Robin

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From: Robin Walker <Robin@thefga.org>
Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 10:06 AM
To: "Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: "Elizabeth B. Stelle" <ebs@commonwealthfoundation.org>

Subject: Meeting Request: Thursday February 14th

Dear Campbell,

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From: [Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting Request: Thursday February 14th
Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 11:11:36 AM

I think this is appropriate at Brandon's level if we are open.

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From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 10:59:05 AM
To: Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: FW: Meeting Request: Thursday February 14th

FYI. Would be good but SP will be in Nashville.

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From: [Sam Adolphsen](#)
To: [Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: ABAWD waiver - CT
Date: Thursday, January 3, 2019 12:11:38 PM

Brandon,

That makes sense, no worries. Best of luck with a unique situation down there, talk soon.

Sam

From: "Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Brandon.Lipps@osec.usda.gov>
Date: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:46 PM
To: Sam Adolphsen <sam@thefga.org>
Subject: Re: ABAWD waiver - CT
Resent-From: <sam@thefga.org>

Hi Sam -

Unfortunately, those of us that are excepted employees are only allowed to work specifically on essential and shutdown related activities during the shutdown. I will get someone to email it to you when we open back up.

Be glad to visit when you have time (and we're back in business)

Regards,
 Brandon

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From: Sam Adolphsen <sam@thefga.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 4:42 PM
To: Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: ABAWD waiver - CT

Brandon,

I hope you had a great holiday with the family. I have a specific request we typically wouldn't trouble

you with, but since it appears much of your staff is out with the shutdown, I was hoping you may be able to help me out. I'm looking for CT's most recently approved ABAWD waiver. Your team has been helpful in providing a number of approved waivers for us to analyze, but we need a handful of additional states and CT stands out as the most important one we do not have.

Thanks, hope to catch up soon.

Sam

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To: [Wilson, Erin E. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Request
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 1:26:08 PM

Yes! Im prepping hard for briefing with dep sec on budget and have a few mtgs in between, but will be done at 445 ish! that work?

From: Wilson, Erin E. - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 12:58 PM
To: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kailee.Tkacz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Request

Thanks! Are you back?!! I want to come see ya

From: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 12:49 PM
To: Wilson, Erin E. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Erin.Wilson@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Request

Yes these are public though we don't put them online publicly. You will just need to get the finals from programs.

From: Wilson, Erin E. - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 12:41 PM
To: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kailee.Tkacz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Request

Hey—I am free to just send the actual waiver right?

From: Robin Walker <Robin@thefga.org>
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 11:09 AM
To: Wilson, Erin E. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Erin.Wilson@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Request

Erin,

Are you able to share the state ABAWD waivers that have been approved?

Thank you.

Robin

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