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**Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. 2019-OSEC-05565-F
Final Response**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the final response to the July 17, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you submitted to the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Information Affairs (OIA). Your request sought the following records:

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 Silbermann, 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 Silbermann, 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.

On May 17, 2021, the OIA issued a first interim response in this matter.

Your request has been 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 CEC search located thirteen (13) pages of responsive records.

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

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, and teleconference access codes. 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. 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 may appeal this response by email at USDAFOIA@usda.gov. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received electronically no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The OGC will not consider appeals received after the 90 calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 p.m. EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number, a copy of the original request, the OIA’s response to your original request, and a statement explaining the basis of your appeal. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email and the appeal letter should be marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal” and reference FOIA No. 2019-OSEC-05565-F.

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.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of processing your request. In this instance, no fees will be charged.

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.

Austin R. Evers

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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 the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

Alexis R. Graves

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Director

Office of Information Affairs

Enclosure: Responsive Records (13 pages)

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Subject: Today's OCR LD Meeting, 2 p.m. in 218A Whitten

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:57:14 AM

Attachments: [COMBINED FINAL Papers 022119 FINAL.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (33 pages)
[Copy of Copy of Hearing Tracker.xls](#) Non-Responsive attachment

Below is the agenda for today's Legislative Directors Meeting at **2:00 p.m. in 218-A Whitten**. The hearing tracker is attached.

The final briefing papers for the Secretary's recent House and Senate Ag Committee hearings are attached for your information.

For those who need to call in: [888-844-9904](tel:888-844-9904) – participant code: (b) (6)

See you then!

OCR Legislative Directors Agenda

- Hearings
- Legislative Strategy
- Confirmations-Abbey
 - REE, CR, Food Safety
- Secretary's Travel-Lindsay
- Intergovernmental Update-Jordan/Lillie
- Staff Updates
- Budget Update-OBPA-Leslie
- Intel/Significant News from Agencies

Abbey L. Fretz

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From: [Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Weekly Report - ROS
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 10:22:17 PM
Attachments: [Regional Operations and Support WAR - 4-12-19.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (10 pages)

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From: Slough, Connie - FNS
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 4:04:50 PM
To: FNS - FNCS Leadership; SM.FNS.WeeklyReport; Terry, Neva - FNS; Hortin, Steve - FNS; Painter-Jaquess, Karen - FNS
Cc: Hopper, Regan - FNS; Phillips, Pam - FNS; Carter, Scott - FNS
Subject: Weekly Report - ROS

Hi Folks

Attached is this week's report for Regional Operations and Support.

Please let us know if you have questions.

Connie Slough
Deputy Associate Administrator
Regional Operations and Support

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From: [Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Weekly Report - ROS
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019 9:06:02 PM
Attachments: [Regional Operations and Support WAR - 3-29-19.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (9 pages)

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From: Slough, Connie - FNS
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 3:20:30 PM
To: FNS - FNCS Leadership; SM.FNS.WeeklyReport; Hortin, Steve - FNS; Painter-Jaquess, Karen - FNS; Hopper, Regan - FNS; Carter, Scott - FNS; Phillips, Pam - FNS
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From: [Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: (b) (6)
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2019 6:24:25 PM
Attachments: [Regional Operations and Support WAR - 3-8-19.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (7 pages)

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From: [Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: ROS APP and Operational Plan Documents
Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 9:27:41 AM
Attachments: [FY19 APP Priorities and Goals.doc](#) Non-responsive attachment
[ROS operational plan.xls](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative
[ROS APP.xls](#) Non-responsive attachment

See attached for your review.

From: Owens, Tameka - FNS <tameka.owens@fns.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 6:08 PM
To: Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC; Corley, Shiela - FNS
Cc: Owens, Tameka - FNS
Subject: ROS APP and Operational Plan Documents

As requested, please see the attached ROS APP items as well as their supplemental operational plan. I've also attached the listing of priorities and goals. Please let me know if you would like anything additional.

Thanks

Have a great day on purpose!



Tameka Owens, PhD, PMP

Acting Deputy Administrator for Management
 Director, Office of Strategic Initiatives

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Cc: [Willbrand, Zhulietta - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [CloverAdams, Jamie - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Walker, Lorren - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC](#)

Subject: Congressional Hearings: Briefing Papers for the Secretary due 2/19

Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 4:39:23 PM

Attachments: [Briefing Paper Topic List 021319.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (2 pages)
[SP Briefing Paper Sample Format.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (1 page)
[FINAL Combined H Ag Rural Economy Briefing Papers 020118 FINAL.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (30 pages)

Good afternoon,

We are working with the House and Senate Ag Committees to nail down dates the week of February 25th for the Secretary to testify before both Committees on all things USDA (please don't discuss this widely as it is not set nor public). We need your help to prepare briefing materials for the Secretary. I'm attaching a list of topics by Mission Area/Agency, along with a template for the briefing papers. We didn't include topics he has recently been updated on. Please prepare briefing papers on your agency/mission area topics, **clear them through your mission area, and send to me, Lindsay Moore, and your OCR liaison no later than COB Tuesday, February 19th.**

Note, each mission area should only have a max of 2-3 pages for all of their topics combined. For agencies with fewer topics...you should be able to fit 3 or so topics on each page, so yours will be shorter. I'm also attaching what we did last year so you can see what we are looking for.

Please follow the template-fonts, bolds, etc.

Lastly, please remember this is written for the Secretary. Provide hard data and factoids he can use at the hearing where it makes sense, keep it high level and from the viewpoint of the Secretary, and avoid fluff.

Thanks and let us know if you have any questions!

Abbey L. Fretz



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From: [Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Jason Turner](#)
Subject: RE: SIG meeting November 14th
Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 3:36:56 PM

Thanks Jason. Additionally, I believe Campbell sent you the ABAWD letter the Secretary sent to the States earlier this week. If you have questions please let me know.

Maggie

From: Jason Turner <(b) (6)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 2:43 PM
To: Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC <Maggie.Lyons@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: SIG meeting November 14th

Ok we will fiddle with it. I'll get back to you.

Jason Turner, Executive Director
 Secretaries' Innovation Group
 Cell: (b) (6)

On Nov 6, 2018, at 1:54 PM, Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC <Maggie.Lyons@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Unfortunately we can't make 1:30 work, Jason, due to a commitment with the Secretary.

Do you have additional flexibility at another point during the day?

From: Jason Turner <(b) (6)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 11:24 AM
To: Young, Chatavia - OSEC, Washington, DC <Chatavia.Young@usda.gov>
Cc: Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brandon.Lipps@osec.usda.gov>; Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC <Maggie.Lyons@osec.usda.gov>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>; Michelle Hays <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: SIG meeting November 14th

Hello Chatavia - -

Yesterday the Ways and Means committee set 11AM on the 14th as their time for SIG, so the morning is no longer an option for us. I hope Brandon can make arrangements to join us at 1:30. If this is impossible, let's talk again and we will try to juggle our agenda to find another time in the afternoon. Thank you very much Jason

On Tue, Nov 6, 2018 at 11:10 AM Young, Chatavia - OSEC, Washington, DC

<Chatavia.Young@usda.gov> wrote:

Jason,

Good morning. I am following up regarding the upcoming meeting of the SIG members on November 14. Per the email below, there were two time slots set aside – 11:00 and 1:30. I would like to know if it is possible for Brandon, Maggie, and Campbell to meet at 11:00, as Brandon is scheduled to meet with Secretary Purdue during the 1:30 time slot.

Respectfully,

Chatavia Young



Chatavia K. Young
Office of the Under Secretary
Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services
United States Department of Agriculture
Office: (b) (6)

From: Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 5:32 PM

To: Jason Turner <(b) (6)>; Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC <Maggie.Lyons@osec.usda.gov>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>; Young, Chatavia - OSEC, Washington, DC <Chatavia.Young@usda.gov>

Cc: Michelle Hays <(b) (6)>

Subject: Re: SIG meeting November 14th

Thanks, Jason. We will look forward to it. Please advise if there are any particular topics the group would like us to be prepared to discuss beyond our usual updates.

Chatavia can you please hold these times on my calendar until we hear back from Jason?

Thanks.

From: "Jason Turner" <(b) (6)>

Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 4:26:14 PM

To: "Lipps, Brandon - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Brandon.Lipps@osec.usda.gov>, "Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Kailee.Tkacz@osec.usda.gov>, "Lyons, Maggie - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Maggie.Lyons@osec.usda.gov>, "Shuford,

Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: "Michelle Hays" <(b) (6)>

Subject: SIG meeting November 14th

Greetings Brandon - -

Copy: Maggie, Kailee and Campbell - -

This is to provide more detail to the earlier note about our upcoming meeting of SIG members on November 14-15. We look forward to having you along with Maggie, lailee and Campbell at EITHER 11:00AM or 1:30PM on Wednesday the 14th for one hour. The session start time depends upon the time Ways and Means sets for our meeting with its members, but we will know this week. The location is Holiday Inn 550 C St SW, Capitol One room.

We will have participating at the SIG meeting human services secretaries, workforce directors or both from the following states:

TX, FL, IL, MI, OH, GA, WI, MO, ME, KS, MS, AL, KY.

Obviously it is unlikely the Farm Bill will have been resolved and voted on, and in addition we understand you may not be able to discuss draft regulations and other policy announcements by the date of our meeting. However we will be happy to hear what you would like to communicate, and at the same time our members will follow with active discussion and commentary as always. Perhaps you should take ten minutes at the outset leaving the rest of the hour for back and forth discussion, does this sound OK?.

There will be lots to discuss about the second two years of the Administration and we are most pleased to have you join us. Please let us know who will be participating from USDA.

Best regards, Jason T

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 11:28 AM Jason Turner <(b) (6)> wrote:

Hello Brandon - -

By the time of the November SIG meeting it will be all over but the weeping.... Or alternatively we will have a brand new SNAP work program and other necessary changes!. Either way there will be a lot to talk about and we would like to have you join us for a review of the bidding and a conversation. The time is TBD but most likely the morning of Nov 14th.

Can we tentatively schedule you?

Best regards,

Jason

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Jason Turner, Executive Director

Cell: (b) (6)

Call in conference number:: 515-739-1038 # (b) (6)

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