

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
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July 29, 2020

Austin Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Suite B255  
Washington, DC 20005  
[foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org)

RE: American Oversight v. Department of Labor, 20-cv-00563-JEB

Dear Mr. Evers:

Enclosed please find the Office of the Secretary's ("OSEC") response to your original FOIA request number 885094 in which you requested the following:

All communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations, and attachments thereto) between (a) the following specified officials serving in the White House Office and (b) the following specified agency officials:

A. Specified White House Office Officials

- i. Stephen Miller (including but not limited to the email address [stephen.miller@who.eop.gov](mailto:stephen.miller@who.eop.gov))
- ii. Robert Gabriel (including but not limited to the email address [robert.gabriel@who.eop.gov](mailto:robert.gabriel@who.eop.gov))
- iii. Jennifer Cytryn (including but not limited to the email address [jennifer.cytryn@who.eop.gov](mailto:jennifer.cytryn@who.eop.gov))
- iv. McLaurine Klingler (including but not limited to the email address [mclaurine.klingler@who.eop.gov](mailto:mclaurine.klingler@who.eop.gov))

B. Specified Agency Officials

- i. Eugene Scalia, Secretary
- ii. Alex Acosta, Former Secretary
- iii. Patrick Pizzella, Deputy Secretary, and Former Acting Secretary
- iv. Anyone serving as Chief of Staff, including Nicholas Geale, Wayne Palmer, and Rachel Mondl
- v. Molly Conway, former Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
- vi. Paul Ray, Former Counselor
- vii. Bob Bozzuto, Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs
- viii. Eric Holland, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs
- ix. Jonathan Berry, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
- x. Joseph Wheeler, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

OSEC has reviewed 35 pages of responsive documents for this disclosure. We are releasing them in the following manner:

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Please see the provided records.

Sincerely,



Thomas DeBusk  
Director, Management Support Services

**From:** [Cytryn, Jen B. EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [Gabriel, Robert EOP/WHO](#); [Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO](#); [Lai, Joseph G. EOP/WHO](#); [Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO](#); [Canfield, Ryan N. EOP/WHO](#); [Curry, Cat E. EOP/WHO](#); [Scully, Bethany S. EOP/WHO](#); [Ray, Paul J - OSEC](#); [Higgins, Casey](#); [Askew, Marineka P](#); [Stoddard, Kaitlin V](#); [Lehman, Ted \(Tillis\)](#); [Courtney Temple](#) (b) (6)  
[Jonathan Burks](#) (b) (6) [Pointer, Katie](#)  
**Subject:** Call RE: H-2B visas & Omnibus

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Dial-In Information:

Host (Stephen Miller) Dial-In: (b) (6)

Leader (Stephen Miller) Code: (b) (6)

Participant Dial-In: (b) (6)

Participant Code: (b) (6)

Confirmed Participants:

Stephen Miller

Theo Wold, DPC

Ryan Canfield, OLA

Joseph Lai, OLA

Paul Ray, DOL

Director Lee Cissna, DHS USCIS

Courtney Temple, Legislative Director, Sen. Tillis

Jonathan Burks, COS Speaker Ryan

Austin Smythe, Speaker Ryan

Casey Higgins, Speaker Ryan

**From:** [Ray, Paul J - OSEC](#)  
**To:** [Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO](#)  
**Cc:** [RA Acosta](#)  
**Subject:** (b) (5)  
**Date:** Friday, June 30, 2017 5:36:18 PM  
**Attachments:** (b) (5)

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Stephen,

Good to meet you yesterday. Per Secretary Acosta's request, I've attached (b) (5)

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Best,

Paul

Paul J. Ray  
Counselor to the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Labor  
Tel: (b) (6)

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**From:** [Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [Davis, May M. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Cc:** [Palmer, Wayne D - OSEC](#); [Bash, John F. EOP/WHO](#); [Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO](#); [Morrell, David M. EOP/WHO](#); [Lyons, Derek S. EOP/WHO](#); [Porter, Robert R. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 5:00 PM Meeting: WH and DOL  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 4:48:25 PM

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I will come downstairs

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 24, 2017, at 4:39 PM, Davis, May M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

Okay. Whoever from WH wants to come to Staff Sec, we will call you at that time. Otherwise, WH individuals can send me their phone numbers so I can loop you into the conference call.

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**From:** Palmer, Wayne D - OSEC [<mailto:Palmer.Wayne.D@dol.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2017 4:36 PM  
**To:** Davis, May M. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b) (6); Bash, John F. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: 5:00 PM Meeting: WH and DOL

Yes, please call (b) (6) or provide call-in number for us.

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On: 24 February 2017 16:25, "Davis, May M. EOP/WHO" (b) (6) wrote:  
Wayne --

Does 5:00 PM still work for a phone call regarding a (b) (5)?  
If so Staff Sec and Policy will conference call you at that time.

Thanks,

May

S. May Davis  
Assistant White House Staff Secretary  
(b) (6)  
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**Subject:** RE: 5:00 PM Meeting: WH and DOL  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 5:03:12 PM

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**To:** Palmer, Wayne D - OSEC <Palmer.Wayne.D@dol.gov>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO  
(b) (6) Bash, John F. EOP/WHO (b) (6) Zadrozny,  
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Assistant White House Staff Secretary  
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**From:** [Geale, Nicholas C. - SOL](#)  
**To:** [Staff Secretary](#); (b) (6); [RA Acosta](#); [Lighthizer, Robert E. EOP/USTR](#); [Cohn, Gary D. EOP/WHO](#); [Eissenstat, Everett H. EOP/WHO](#); [McMaster, H. R. EOP/WHO](#); [Wilbur Ross](#); [Powell, Dina H. EOP/WHO](#); [Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO](#); [Kushner, Jared C. EOP/WHO](#); [Ayers, Nick N. EOP/OVP](#); [Hassett, Kevin A. EOP/CEA](#); [Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC](#); [Morrell, David M. EOP/WHO](#); [Peterlin, Margaret JA](#); [Hook, Brian H](#); [McCormack, Brian](#); [Dearborn, Rick A. EOP/WHO](#); (b) (6); [Short, Marc T. EOP/WHO](#); [derek.kar](#) (b) (6); [Mulvaney, Mick M. EOP/OMB](#)  
**Cc:** [Porter, Robert R. EOP/WHO](#); [Nielsen, Kirstjen M. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Subject:** RE: (b) (5)  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 6:23:00 PM

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**From:** Staff Secretary (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 3:45 PM  
**To:** (b) (6); [RA Acosta](#); [Lighthizer, Robert E. EOP/USTR](#); [Cohn, Gary D. EOP/WHO](#); [Eissenstat, Everett H. EOP/WHO](#); [McMaster, H. R. EOP/WHO](#); [Wilbur Ross](#); [Powell, Dina H. EOP/WHO](#); [Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO](#); [Kushner, Jared C. EOP/WHO](#); [Ayers, Nick N. EOP/OVP](#); [Hassett, Kevin A. EOP/CEA](#); [Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/NSC](#); [Morrell, David M. EOP/WHO](#); [Peterlin, Margaret JA](#); [Hook, Brian H](#); [McCormack, Brian](#); [Dearborn, Rick A. EOP/WHO](#); (b) (6); [Short, Marc T. EOP/WHO](#); [derek.kar](#) (b) (6); [Mulvaney, Mick M. EOP/OMB](#)  
**Cc:** Staff Secretary; [Porter, Robert R. EOP/WHO](#); [Nielsen, Kirstjen M. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Subject:** (b) (5)

Attached please find a decision memo for the President (b) (5)

This memorandum follows several rounds of discussion. Please send remaining comments by **11:00 AM tomorrow.**

Thank you,

STAFF SEC

**From:** [Burr, Geoffrey G - OSEC](#)  
**To:** [Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO](#); [Geale, Nicholas C. - SOL](#)  
**Cc:** [Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO](#); [Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO](#); [Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO](#); [Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Subject:** RE: DOL H-1B Visa Program Enforcement Efforts  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:25:43 AM

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Sorry for the delay in responding. We are underwater responding to QFRs.

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**From:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 10:27 AM  
**To:** Geale, Nicholas C. - SOL; Burr, Geoffrey G - OSEC  
**Cc:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO; Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO; Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** DOL H-1B Visa Program Enforcement Efforts

Nick and Geoff:

(b) (5)

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this, and please do not hesitate to call if you would prefer to discuss these specific steps offline.

Thanks in advance,

John A. Zadrozny  
Justice and Homeland Security  
Domestic Policy Council  
Executive Office of the President

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Pointer, Katie (b) (6);  
[Courtney Temple](#) (b) (6);  
[Ray.Paul.J@dol.gov](#); Cissna, Francis  
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[John Abegg](#) (b) (6) Ritchie,  
Branden (b) (6);>  
Husband, Shelley  
(b) (6); Lai,  
Joseph G. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6); Canfield, Ryan  
N. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6);> Meyer,  
Joyce Y. EOP/WHO  
(b) (6) [gov](#)>; Wolf, Chad  
(b) (6)

**Subject:** Re: Omnibus language

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On Mar 17, 2018, at 1:45 PM, Miller, Stephen  
EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
wrote:

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On Mar 17, 2018, at 1:16 PM,  
Higgins, Casey

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wrote:

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Casey Christine  
Higgins

Assistant to the Speaker  
for Policy & Trade  
Counsel  
Office of the Speaker |  
The Honorable Paul D.  
Ryan  
H-232, The Capitol,  
Washington, DC 20515

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**From:** Swonger, Amy  
H. EOP/WHO

(b) (6)

**Sent:** Friday, March  
16, 2018 9:16 PM

**To:** Wold, Theo J.  
EOP/WHO

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**Cc:** Burks, Jonathan

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Pointer, Katie

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Meyer, Joyce Y.

EOP/WHO

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**Subject:** Re:

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On Mar 16, 2018, at  
9:00 PM, Wold, Theo  
J. EOP/WHO

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wrote:

Attached,  
USCIS  
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Theodore  
Wold  
Special  
Assistant  
to the  
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**From:** Swonger, Amy H.

EOP/WHO

(b) (6)

**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 9:16

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**To:** Wold, Theo J. EOP/WHO

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**Cc:** Burks, Jonathan

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**From:** [Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [Ray, Paul J - OSEC](#)  
**Cc:** [RA Acosta](#)  
**Subject:** Re: (b) (5)  
**Date:** Friday, June 30, 2017 5:39:59 PM

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Thanks. Will review.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 30, 2017, at 5:36 PM, Ray, Paul J - OSEC <[Ray.Paul.J@dol.gov](mailto:Ray.Paul.J@dol.gov)> wrote:

Stephen,

Good to meet you yesterday. Per Secretary Acosta's request, I've attached (b) (5)

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Best,

Paul

Paul J. Ray  
Counselor to the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Labor

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**From:** [Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [RA Acosta](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Tried to call you. Pls call me today. Acosta  
**Date:** Thursday, June 8, 2017 4:37:17 PM

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Thanks. Sorry I missed your call. Will call back as soon as free from mtg.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2017, at 12:49 PM, RA Acosta (b) (6) wrote:

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**From:** [Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [RA Acosta](#)  
**Subject:** Markets work  
**Date:** Friday, July 14, 2017 9:26:59 AM

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<http://dailycaller.com/2017/07/13/shortage-of-foreign-labor-forces-maine-businesses-to-hire-local-workers/>

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [Ray, Paul J - OSEC](#)  
**Date:** Saturday, March 17, 2018 2:28:25 PM

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Call me

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**From:** [Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO](#)  
**To:** [RA Acosta](#)  
**Cc:** [Bremberg, Andrew P. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Subject:** H-2B  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 8:51:33 PM

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Thanks again.

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**To:** [Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Cc:** [Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO](#); [Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO](#); [Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO](#); [Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hawaii leg  
**Date:** Thursday, July 6, 2017 4:45:00 PM

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Sure thing. Just let me know if you disagree with my take after you've dug in.

Paul J. Ray  
Counselor to the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Labor  
(b) (6)

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**From:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 06, 2017 4:31 PM  
**To:** Ray, Paul J - OSEC  
**Cc:** Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO; Bash, Zina G. EOP/WHO; Veprek, Andrew M. EOP/WHO; Wetmore, David H. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Hawaii leg

Thanks much for the heads-up on this, Paul.

Adding the DPC crew.

JZ

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**From:** Ray, Paul J - OSEC [<mailto:Ray.Paul.J@dol.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 6, 2017 3:42 PM  
**To:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Hawaii leg

Paul J. Ray  
Counselor to the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Labor  
(b) (6)