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Washington D.C. 20240



March 27, 2020

Via Email: foia@americanoversight.org

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

REF: FWS-2020-00460 Border wall emails

Dear Mr. Evers:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated February 20, 2020, on February 21, 2020 and assigned it control number FWS-2020-00460. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. Your request was for emails related to the border wall project between certain FWS officials and individuals outside the federal government.

We have classified you as an “other-use” requester. You have asked us to waive the fees for processing your request. Our FOIA regulations state that bureaus will waive, or partially waive, fees if disclosure of all or part of the information is:

- (1) In the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations or activities, and
- (2) Not primarily in your commercial interest.

See [43 C.F.R. § 2.45\(a\)](#). Our FOIA regulations also provide four specific criteria that are used to determine whether these two requirements are met. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.48\(a\)](#). Your request meets the requirements and your fee waiver has been granted.

Based upon an electronic search, we identified two (2) meeting invites as potentially responsive to your request. Since we do not know if these meetings actually concerned the interest of your request, we are releasing them to you in the spirit of the FOIA and transparency.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard

notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

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Contact information for the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, who you may also seek dispute resolution services from, is available at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters>.

Sincerely,

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Stacey Cummins
FOIA Coordinator

Enclosures

From: amanda_hall@ios.doi.gov
To: margracer.caminiti@sol.doi.gov; karen.budd-falen@sol.doi.gov; margaret_e_everson@fws.gov; john_tanner@ios.doi.gov; wendy_r_fink@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Invitation: Follow Up w/Sen. Cramer Staff @ Thu Sep 19, 2019 2pm - 3pm (EDT) (margaret_e_everson@fws.gov)
Attachments: [invite.ics](#)

You have been invited to the following event.
more details > <https://www.google.com/calendar/event?action=VIEW&cid=-NmR0dZpYm8SajllhDYzbTtkhmFiajZscmggbWFyZ2FyZXRlZV9ldmVyc29uQGZ3cy5nb3Y&tok=MjMjYjY1hbmRlX2hhbGxhAaW9zLmRvaS5nb3ZmMDIhNWMwM2VjMzRmOWFkNjZkNTNmNmNmN2UzMjU4NzQyYjlyZGU3&ctz=America%2FNew_York&hl=en&es=1>

Follow Up w/Sen. Cramer Staff
When Thu Sep 19, 2019 2pm - 3pm Eastern Time - New York
Where SR-400 (map <<https://www.google.com/maps/search/SR-400/>>?)
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Margaret Everson has accepted this invitation.

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