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SENT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: hart.wood@americanoversight.org

Hart W. Wood  
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Washington, DC 20005

Re: 2021-HQFO-00619

Dear Mr. Wood:

This is the electronic final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated March 2, 2021, and received by this office on March 2, 2021. You are seeking email communications between (a) any DHS official listed in Column A and (b) any entity listed in Column B, below:

Column A: DHS Officials:

i. Former Acting Secretary Chad Wolf, ii. Former Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Deputy Secretary Ken Cuccinelli, iii. Former Acting General Counsel, Acting Chief of Staff, and Deputy Chief of Staff Chad Mizelle

Column B: Outside Entities:

i. Federation for American Immigration Reform (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @fairus.org), ii. Immigration Reform Law Institute (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @irli.org), iii. Center for Immigration Studies (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @cis.org), iv. NumbersUSA (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @numbersusa.com), v. The Remembrance Project (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @theremembranceproject.org) (Date Range for Record Search: From 2/1/2020 To 1/20/2021).

A search of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for documents responsive to your request produced one page. Portions of this page are partially releasable pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), FOIA Exemption 6.

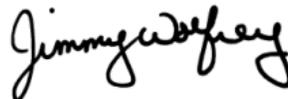
**FOIA Exemption 6** exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

Pursuant to DHS Instruction 262-11-004, FOIA Officers at DHS have been instructed to withhold personally identifiable information (PII) and sensitive personally identifiable information (SPII) of DHS personnel unless a determination is made that the disclosure does not raise security or privacy concerns, or if those concerns are outweighed by any public interest in that information. [This policy is available online](#). Under this policy, the names of senior leaders, spokespersons, and political appointees are generally releasable. With respect to this FOIA request, DHS may have applied FOIA Exemption 6 to protect PII of DHS employees, including names and contact information. To the extent that has DHS withheld employee PII within these records, it has been determined that the employee(s) has/have substantial and legitimate privacy interests and that these interests are not outweighed by any public interest in the operations of the Department.

You have a right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may send an e-mail to [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov), call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner refer to **2021-HQFO-00619**. Additionally, you have a right to right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



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Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management  
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Thanks for reaching out, Rosemary. A demo is a great idea.

Chad Mizelle  
Acting General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: Rosemary Jenks <(b)(6)>  
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To: Mizelle, Chad <(b)(6)>  
Subject: E-Verify

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Hey Chad,

Saw Sec. Wolf's testimony today. (b)(6)

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Just in case y'all aren't aware, USCIS offers demos of E-Verify to show how ridiculously easy and fast the process is. Y'all might want to ask for a demo.

Rosemary Jenks  
Director of Government Relations  
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