Office of Information Affairs

August 6, 2026

Delivered via Electronic Mail
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Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. 2026-DA-05143-F
Final Response

Dear Danny Martinez:

This is the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Information Affairs' (OIA) final response to the above-referenced FOIA request, which sought email communications sent by certain USDA personnel and containing the key terms below, for the dates April 1, 2026, through April 30, 2026:

Custodians:

a) Steve Messeh
b) Anna Pilato
c) Jason Allen
d) Alec Varsamis

Key Terms:

a) Turning Point
b) Erika Kirk
c) TPUSA
d) Culture Apothecary
e) Alex Clark
f) glyphosate
g) Kelly Ryerson
h) Realfoodology
i) Courtney Swan
j) Food Babe
k) Vani Hari

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

A search for responsive records was conducted by the USDA's Client Experience Center (CEC). The CEC provides comprehensive, fee-for-service information technology (IT) associated

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operations, security, and technical support services to USDA end users, as well as implements and manages enterprise IT solutions for users Department-wide.

The CEC search did not identify any records that respond to your FOIA request. Accordingly, this office is not able to provide any responsive records.

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 OIA 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 should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" and reference the FOIA request number: **2026-DA-05143-F.**

You may seek dispute resolution services from the OIA's FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Melanie Enciso. Ms. Enciso may be contacted by telephone at (202) 720-9462, or electronically at Melanie.Enciso@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 requests. In this instance, no fees will be charged.

If you have any questions regarding the processing of these requests, please contact Roman Vayner electronically at Roman.Vayner@usda.gov or USDAFOIA@usda.gov.

For additional information regarding USDA FOIA regulations and processes, please refer to the information available online at Freedom of Information Act Division | USDA.

The OIA appreciates the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

Alexis R. Graves

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Director
Office of Information Affairs

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