



May 9, 2023

**Via Portal**

NASA Headquarters  
FOIA Public Liaison  
300 E Street SW, Room 5L19  
Washington, DC 20546

**Freedom of Information Act Request: Information Regarding Political Leadership and Staffing at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration**

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Social Security Administration  
Office of Public Inquiries and Communications Support  
1100 West High Rise  
6401 Security Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD 21235

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1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
USAID Annex, M/MS, Room 10.8. OD  
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**Via FOIA-PAL**

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency  
400 7th Street, SW, Suite 3E-218  
Washington, DC 20219

**Freedom of Information Act Request: Information Regarding Political Leadership and Staffing at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency**

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**Via Email - foia@nsf.gov**

National Science Foundation  
Attn: FOIA Officer  
2415 Eisenhower Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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U.S. General Services Administration  
FOIA Requester Service Center (LG)  
1800 F Street, NW, 7308  
Washington, DC 20405-0001

**Freedom of Information Act Request: Information Regarding Political Leadership and Staffing at the General Services Administration**

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Freedom of Information Act Request  
Office of General Counsel  
Federal Trade Commission  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Federal Housing Finance Agency  
Attn: Sean Dent, Chief FOIA Officer  
400 7th Street, SW  
8th Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20219

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May 9, 2023

**Via SecureRelease**

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FOIA Compliance Office  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
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**Via Email - FOIA@consumerfinance.gov**

CFPB, Attn: Chief FOIA Officer  
1700 G Street NW  
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**Via HUD Online FOIA Portal**

Deborah Snowden, Deputy Chief FOIA Officer  
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**Via FOIA.gov**

Lance Purvis, FOIA Officer, MS-6540, MIB  
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**Freedom of Information Act Request: Information Regarding Political Leadership and Staffing at the Department of the Interior (Ethics)**

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**Via E-mail: [dni-foia@dni.gov](mailto:dni-foia@dni.gov)**

Gregory Koch  
Director, Information Management Office  
ATTN: FOIA/PA  
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**Via E-mail: FOIA@sba.gov**

Chief, Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Office  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
409 Third St. SW, 8th Floor  
Washington, DC 20416

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Alexis Graves, FOIA Officer  
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**Via E-mail: [efoia@ceq.eop.gov](mailto:efoia@ceq.eop.gov)**

Freedom of Information Officer  
Council on Environmental Quality  
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## **II. Requested Records**

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- B. Records sufficient to identify all career employees who, between January 20, 2021, and the date this records request is processed, have been detailed to 1) a position eligible to be filled by a Political Appointee, or 2) a new position through coordination or consultation with either the White House Liaison or Presidential Personnel Office; the title or position of each employee while on detail; and each employee’s originating agency or component, and prior title.
- C. For each individual identified in response to Requests A and B provide:
  - 1. The resume provided by the individual to the agency in connection with determining the appropriate salary for the individual, or if that is not available, a recent resume contained within the agency’s records. AFL has no objection to the redaction of employee’s contact information, such as email, address, phone numbers etc.; however, prior employment, education, and descriptions of such experiences are not exempt and should be produced.
  - 2. Any waivers issued to the individual pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b).
  - 3. Any authorizations for the individual issued pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502.
  - 4. Any Ethics Pledge waivers, issued pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order 13989 and Office of Government Ethics Legal Advisory 21-04, received by the individual.

5. Any ethics agreement executed by the individual; any Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance; and any records relating to any violation by an individual of his or her ethics agreement.
6. Records reflecting any recusal determination made or issued for the individual.
7. Copies of any SF-50 forms for the individual reflecting any change in position, title, or salary, including when the employee starts or leaves a position.
8. Completed Ethics Pledge for each individual.
9. All records of position descriptions on file for each individual identified in Parts A and B above.

D. All records relating to the processing of A, B, and C above.

### **III. Processing and Production**

Per 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii) and your agency's fee waiver regulations, AFL requests a waiver of all search and duplication fees. AFL has a demonstrated ability and intention to effectively convey the information broadly to the public; AFL's status as a representative of the news media has been recognized by other agencies for granting fee waivers by the Departments of Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Justice, Interior, and Homeland Security. As a non-profit organization, AFL has no commercial interest, and the request is made entirely to serve the public interest. We are, of course, available to provide additional information in writing or offline in support of this request. If AFL's request for a fee waiver is not granted in full, please contact us immediately upon making that determination.

Processing should strictly comply with the processing guidance in the Attorney General's Memorandum on Freedom of Information Act Guidelines.<sup>1</sup> If you have any questions about our request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate the more efficient production of requested records, please get in touch with me at FOIA@aflegal.org.

To accelerate your release of responsive records, AFL welcomes production on an agreed rolling basis. Please provide responsive records in an electronic format by email. Alternatively, please provide responsive records in native or PDF format on a USB drive to America First Legal Foundation, 611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231, Washington, DC 20003.

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. DEPT JUST. (Mar. 15, 2022), <https://bit.ly/3zvpxb6>.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael Ding

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