United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 29, 2023

Case No. F-2022-06035/ FL-2023-00036

Reed Rubinstein America First Legal 611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE #231 Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

STA,

As we noted in our letter dated August 31, 2023, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State ("the Department") has identified an additional 13 responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined eight may be released in part, and five must be withheld in their entirety.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. The records withheld in full are exempt from release pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(5) and (b)(6). The document identification numbers for the records withheld in full are A-0000612926, A-0000612931, A-0000612932, A-0000612938, and A-0000634985. Where applicable, the Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed. ALCIANTON .

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Jeremy Simon, at <u>Jeremy.simon@usdoj.gov</u>. Please refer to the case number, F-2022-06035/FL-2023-00036, and the civil action number, 23-cv-AS. BA AMARINA 00419, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Milley

Jeanne Miller Chief, Programs and Policies Division Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency (b)(2)
- Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example: (b)(3)

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

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Attached are Question for the Record submitted to Undersecretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights Uzra Zeya and U.S. Department of State, Senior Official for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Jennifer Hall Godfrey by

Chairman Menendez, Ranking Member Risch, as well as Senators Young and Cruz following the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Hearing held on March 15, 2022.

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BRAINE Question 1:

To what extent has DRL previously issued notices for projects aimed at documenting human rights violations occurring in Israel? Please explicitly cite and convey any notices you believe are precedents for or similar to SFOP0008613 in that context.

Answer 1:

In 2019, DRL solicited in SFOP0006474, through an open competition, proposals for programs supporting civil society organizations to reduce barriers to full inclusion of members of marginalized groups in Israel in political and economic processes. DRL funds a wide range of programs aimed at promoting civil society engagement at the local level as well as on issues related to human rights violations by security forces around the world. We have not issued any solicitations for these specific activities with respect to Israel or the West Bank/Gaza previously.

Question 2:

What "legal or security sector violations and housing, land, and property rights" violations that have occurred or are occurring in Israel that you believe are relevant to projects described by SFOP0008613?

Answer 2:

This solicitation allows local civil society organizations to design and submit proposals based on their assessment of local conditions and which they deem relevant to the context in which they would work.

Question 3:

What sorts of products or deliverables you envision receiving from projects described by SFOP0008613?

Answer 3:

Local civil society organizations who apply under this solicitation will propose potential LINI GANTON products or deliverables based on their assessment of local conditions.

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BRAINE **Question 4:**

What proposals have already been submitted for projects described by SFOP0008613?

Answer 4:

The number and organizational specifics of proposals are not known as the Notice of Funding Opportunity has not closed yet. Additionally, Department grants policy directs the process remain confidential until a Federal Assistance Award has been granted.

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Subject:	Re: DRL/GP Panel Invitation: Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza
Date:	Thu, 14 Jul 2022 08:06:44 +0000

Hello^{(b)(6)}

Sorry this fell through the cracks and thanks for following up. Please see attached as requested. For awareness, I'm now longer in the political section and have transitioned to a new role in the front office, so please contact acting Pol Counselor (b)(6) w/ a cc to acting Pol for all DRL matters going forward. It's been a pleasure working with you! Deputy^{(b)(6)} Very best regards,

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From: (b)(6) @state.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 8:44 PM

To:(b)(6)

Subject: Re: DRL/GP Panel Invitation: Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

Dear(b)(6)
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I hope you are well. I am tracking down forms from our DRL-GP panels for our office records.

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Please sign and return the attached DRL/GP Panel, Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza, Confidentiality Agreement and Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms.

Thank you, (b)(6)

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Subject: Re: DRL/GP Panel Invitation: Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

(Jerusalem)

Hi(b)(6)

Thank you for your email and for joining in tomorrow.

You and (b)(6) are both welcome and encouraged to attend and share input at the panel tomorrow from your distinct perspectives, but NEA will be asked to share one coordinated vote. (b)(6) and I will also plan share additional information on the panel procedures and logistics at the start of tomorrow's panel. Please feel free to reach out if you have any additional questions ahead of the panel. Best,

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Dear all,

DRL/GP is looking forward to your participation in next week's full proposal review panel for programs strengthening human rights and accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza. We will conduct this panel on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, from 9:00-10:30 AM ET via Teams.

Voting members for this review panel are listed below. If you have not done so already, please confirm JUGHT HIMITICAN MICH who will attend the panel and serve as your office's voting entity by COB May 6, 2022.

Voting members for this review panel are:

- 1. DRL/GP
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Thank you, (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: DRL/GP Panel Invitation: Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

Dear Colleagues,

My apologies that the full invitation language was not included in my original send. Please find the full panel invitation below.

The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor's Office of Global Programs (DRL/GP) is pleased to invite you to participate in a review panel for proposals submitted in response to the solicitation DRL: Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza. We will conduct this panel via Microsoft Teams on May 10, 2022, from 9:00-10:30 AM ET and will send the full calendar invitation separately.

Join online: <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> Join by phone: $+^{(b)(7)(E)}$

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Additional instructions on the panel process are included at the end of this invitation.

Panel Materials

Kindly find the following review panel materials attached:

1. NOFO: DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza

- 2. Proposal Scoresheet: Please complete one scoresheet for each proposal and submit via email to (b)(6)
- 3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Please complete and submit via email to^{(b)(6)} prior to the panel. Note that this form must be filled out by all staff who review the proposal. E-signatures will be accepted.
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Directions for Reviewing Proposals

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We kindly request each voting panelist fill out the attached scoresheet (attachment 2) for each proposal (reviewers sharing a single vote should complete only one scoresheet for each proposal). Voting members may recommend any number of proposals that clearly respond to the solicitation. Please review each proposal on its own merits according to the guidelines in the attached scoresheet (attachment 2) without making comparisons to other proposals.

Conditions & Recommendations

Panelists have the option to impose conditions and recommendations on proposals during the panel. For example, if you disagree with the inclusion of a specific activity or objective, but otherwise find the proposal competitive, you may suggest a condition or recommendation that the applicant remove that activity or objective. Please ensure that your office's voting representative can communicate that level of detail to the panel (including a justification of how you came to that decision). If a proposal is recommended for funding, the applicant will have a chance to revise their proposal documents according to the panel's conditions and recommendations. Applicants must meet all identified conditions and respond to outlined recommendations for the proposal to be funded.

NOTE: Please keep in mind DRL priorities when crafting conditions and recommendations for proposals.

Thank you in advance for your review and input!

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Thank you to DRL for inviting USAID to participate in this morning's panel. Please find my proposal scoresheets attached, should you need them for your records. (You already have my other two forms, but I've reattached here so you have everything in one place if needed.)

Thank you for facilitating today, and I hope you have a great weekend!

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Best,
(b)(6) (she/her)
Crisis, Stabilization & Governance Officer
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On Mon, May 16, 2022 at 1:55 PM ^{(b)(6)} @state.gov> wrote:
Dear Colleagues,
This panel will be rescheduled to Friday, May 20, 2022, from 9:00-10:30 PM ET. Thank you for your
flexibility and I apologize for any scheduling inconveniences this change may cause.
Please find an updated agenda attached and be sure to confirm your attendance at the rescheduled
panel.
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Dear all,

DRL/GP is looking forward to your participation in next week's full proposal review panel for programs strengthening human rights and accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza. We will conduct this panel on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, from 9:00-10:30 AM ET via Teams.

Voting members for this review panel are listed below. If you have not done so already, please confirm who will attend the panel and serve as your office's voting entity by COB May 6, 2022.

Voting members for this review panel are:

- DRL/GP 1.
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Dear Colleagues,

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The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor's Office of Global Programs (DRL/GP) is pleased to invite you to participate in a review panel for proposals submitted in response to the solicitation DRL: Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza. We will conduct this panel via Microsoft Teams on May 10, 2022, from 9:00-10:30 AM ET and will send the full calendar invitation separately.

Join online: Click here to join the meeting

Join by phone: $\pm^{(b)(7)}$

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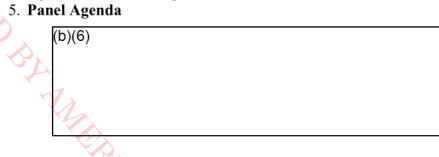
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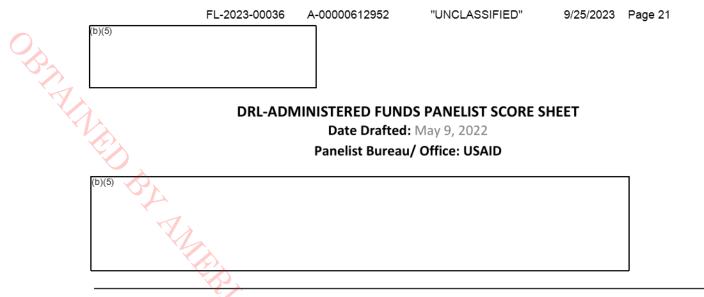
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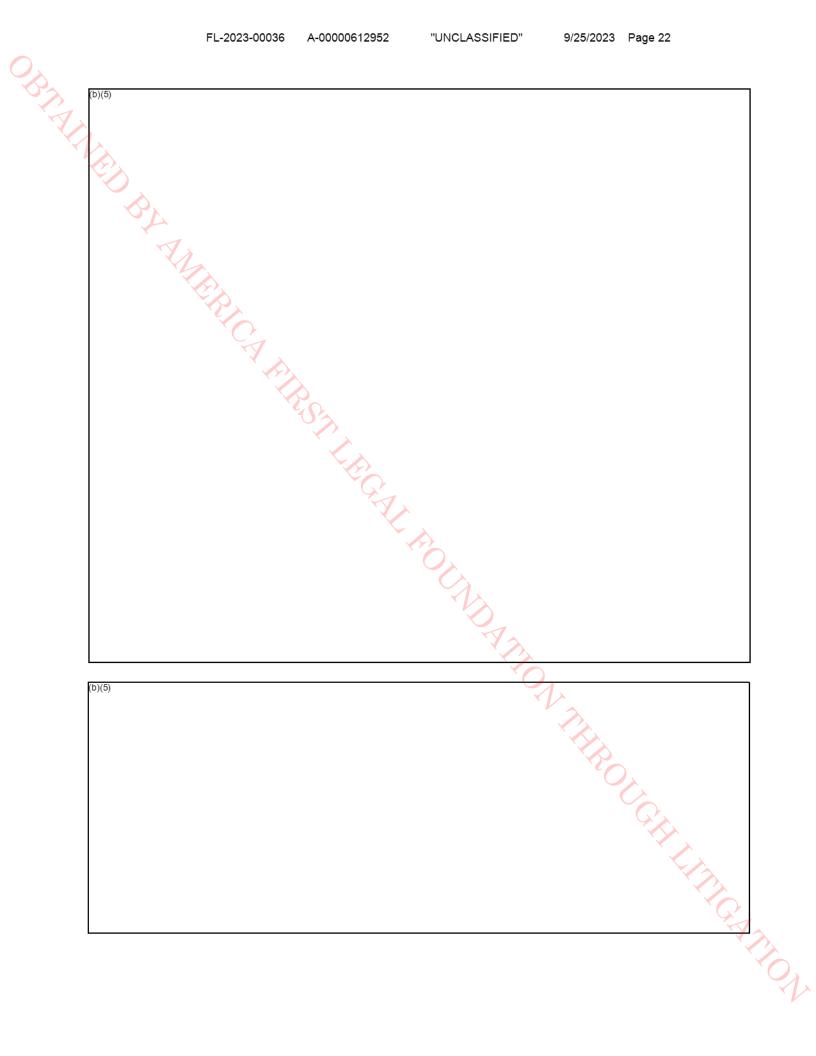
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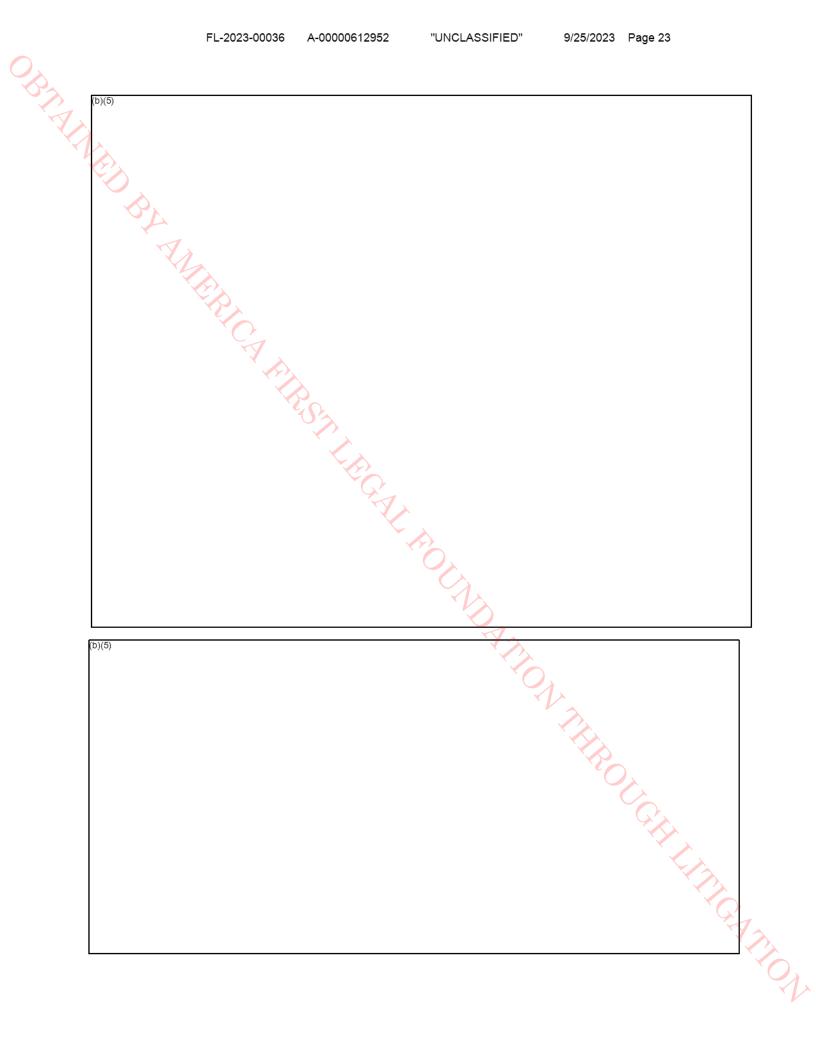
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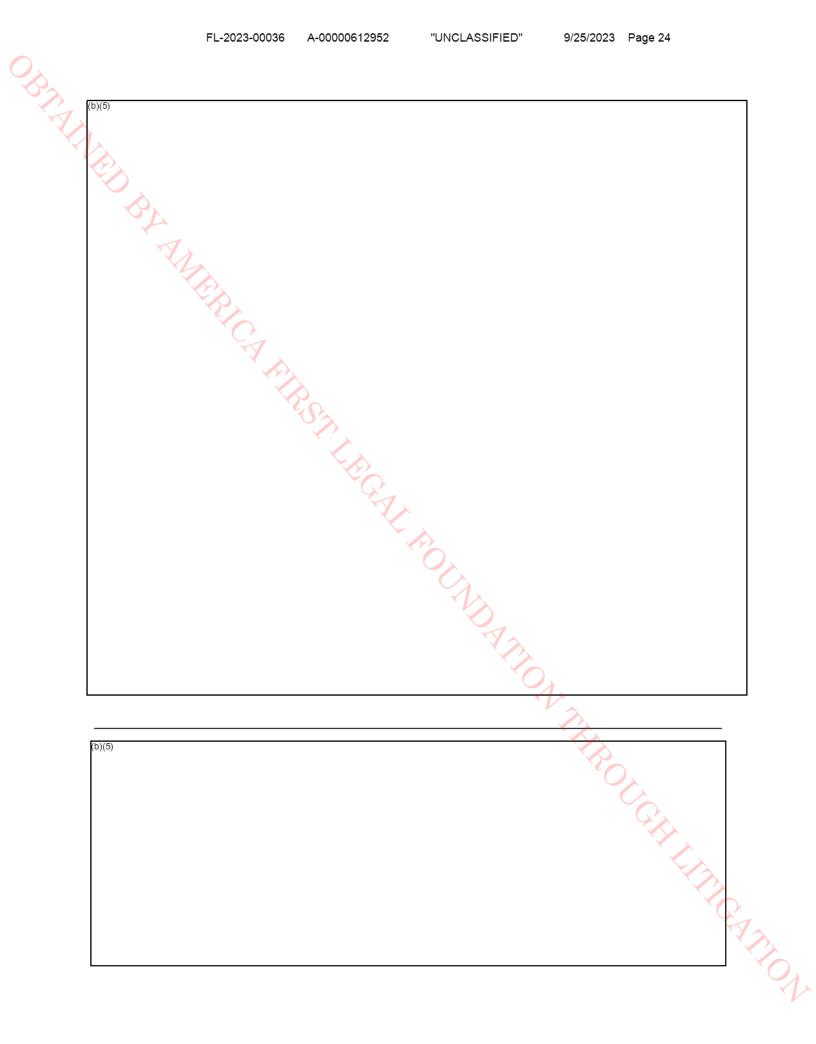


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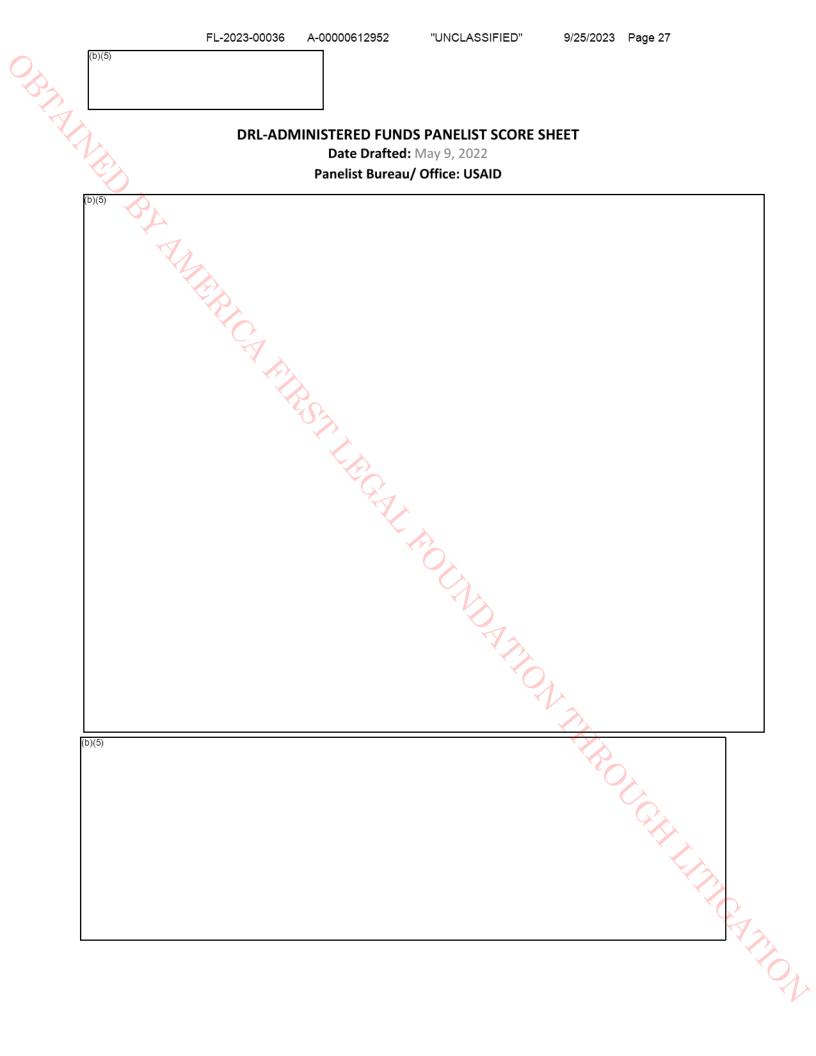
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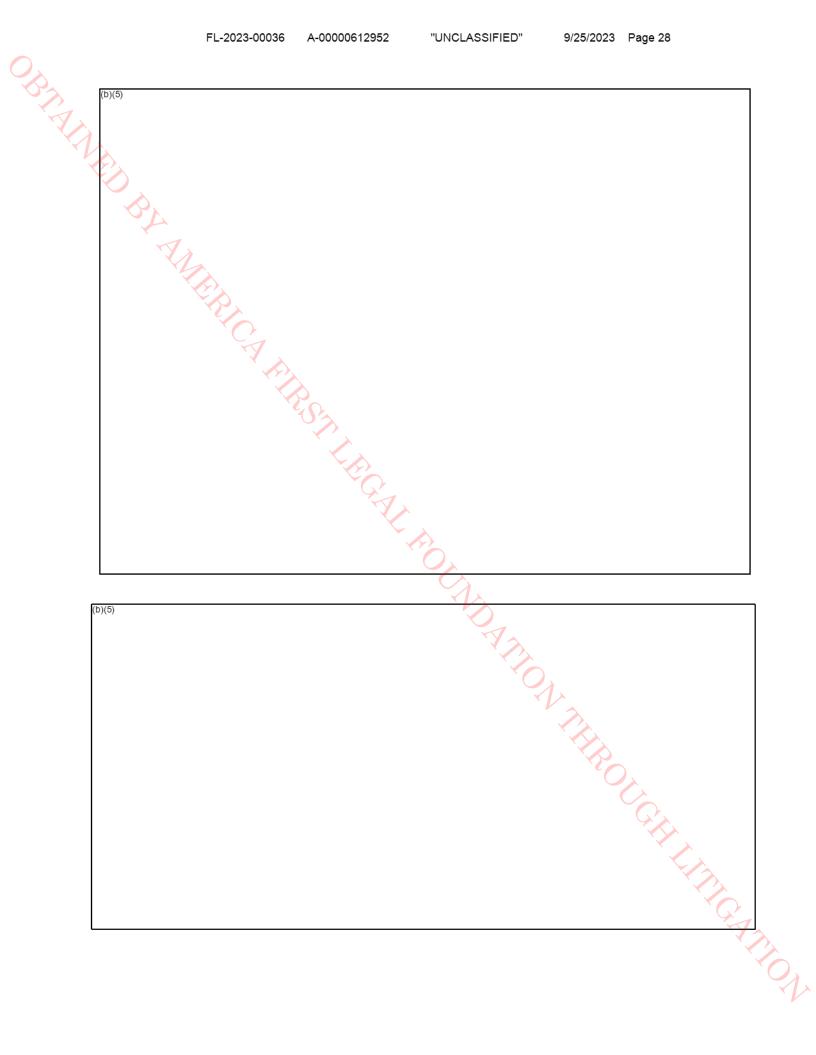
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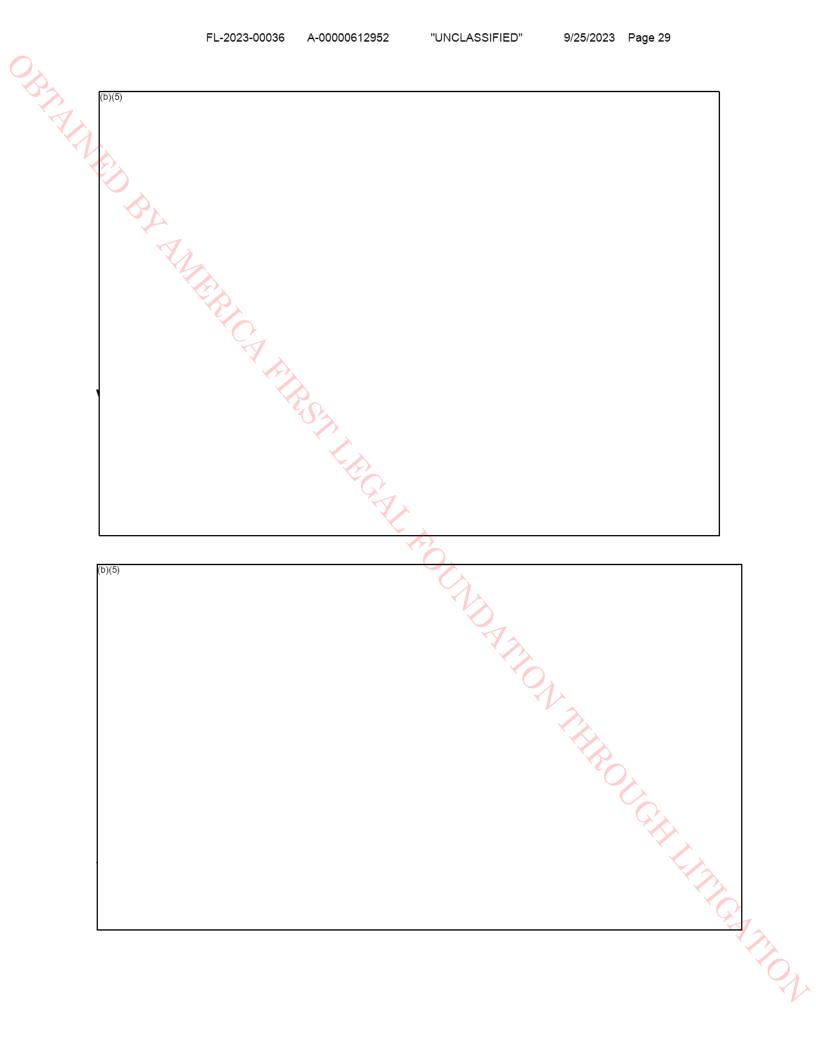
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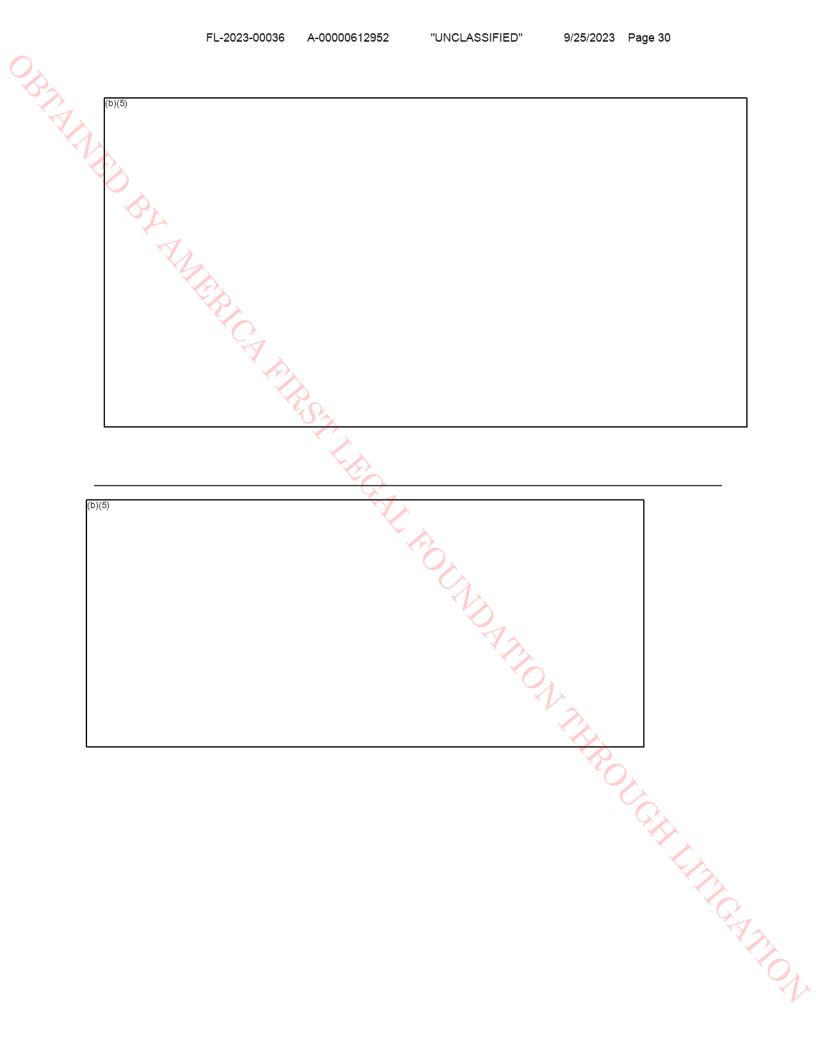
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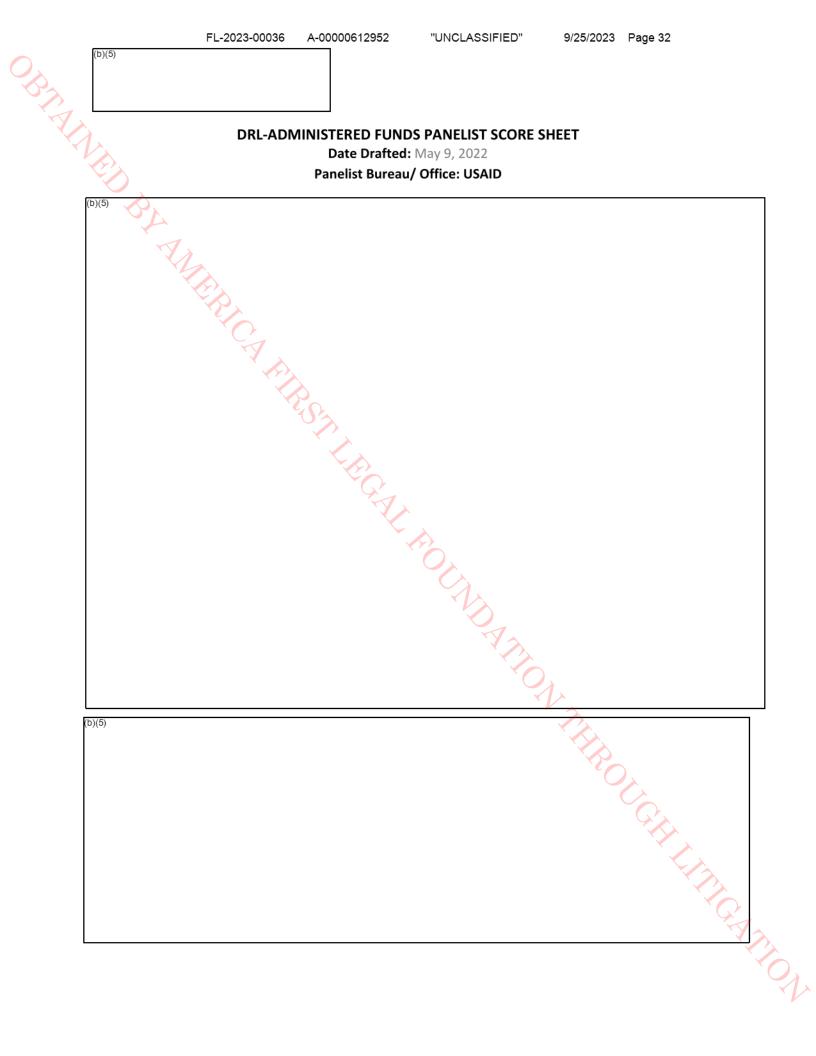
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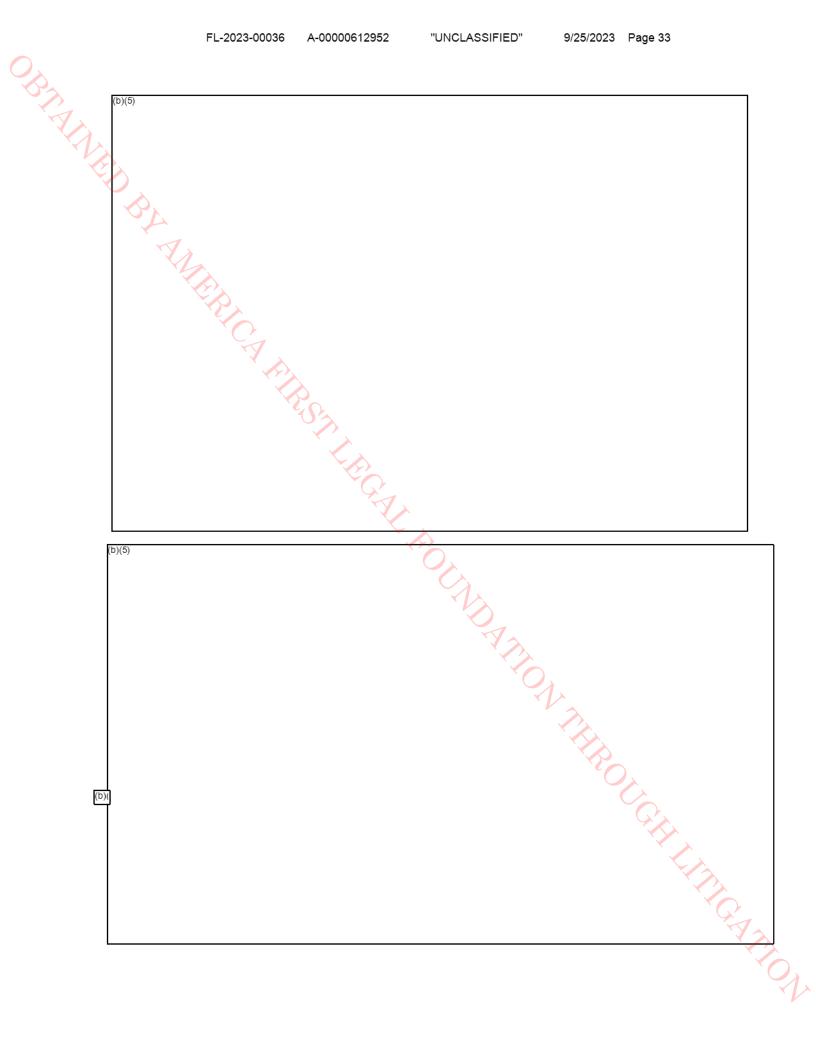
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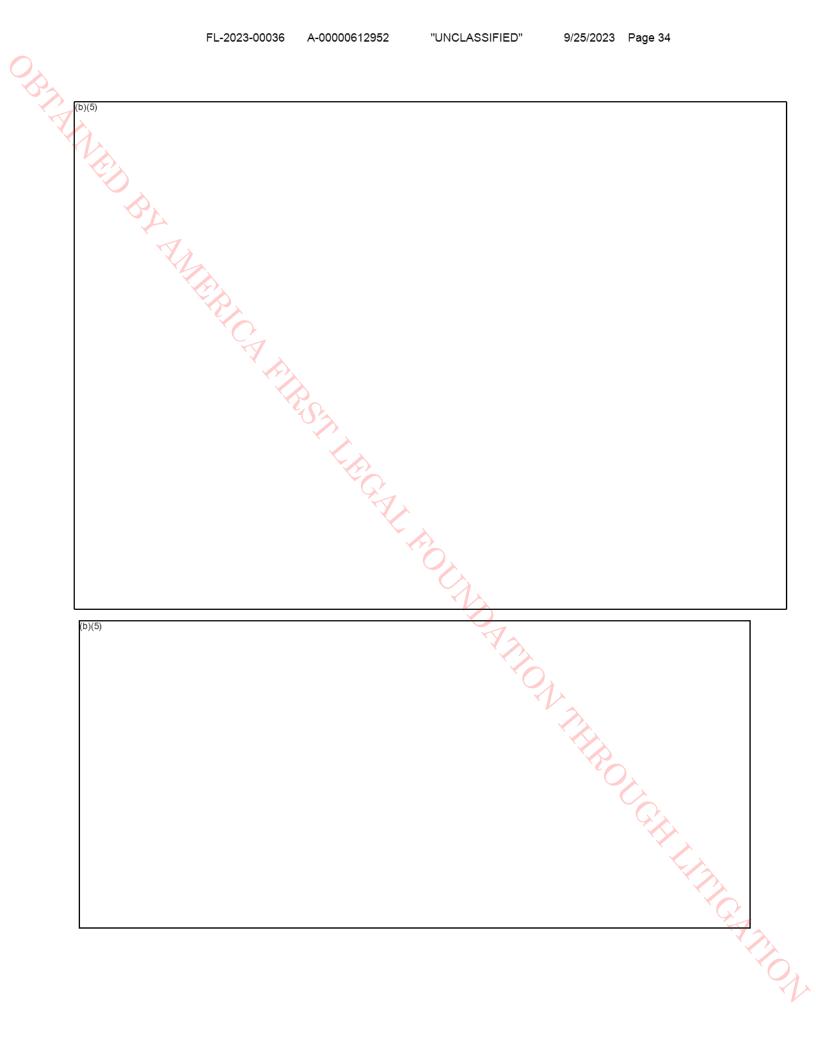
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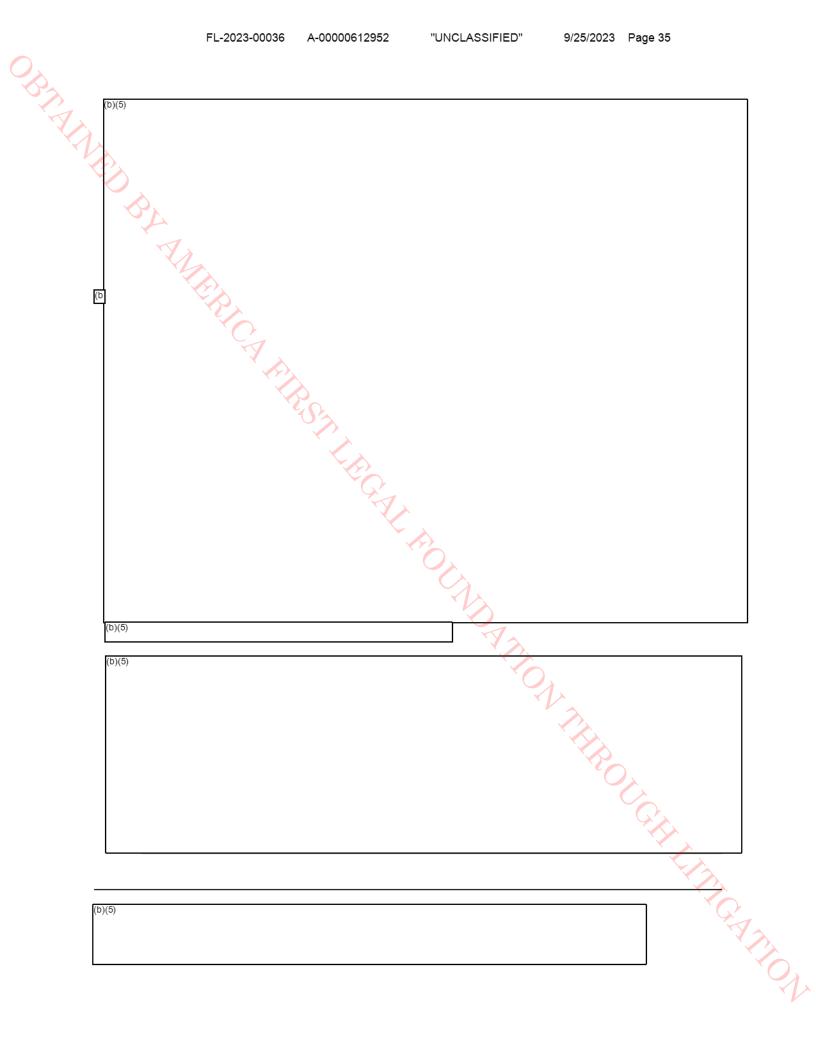
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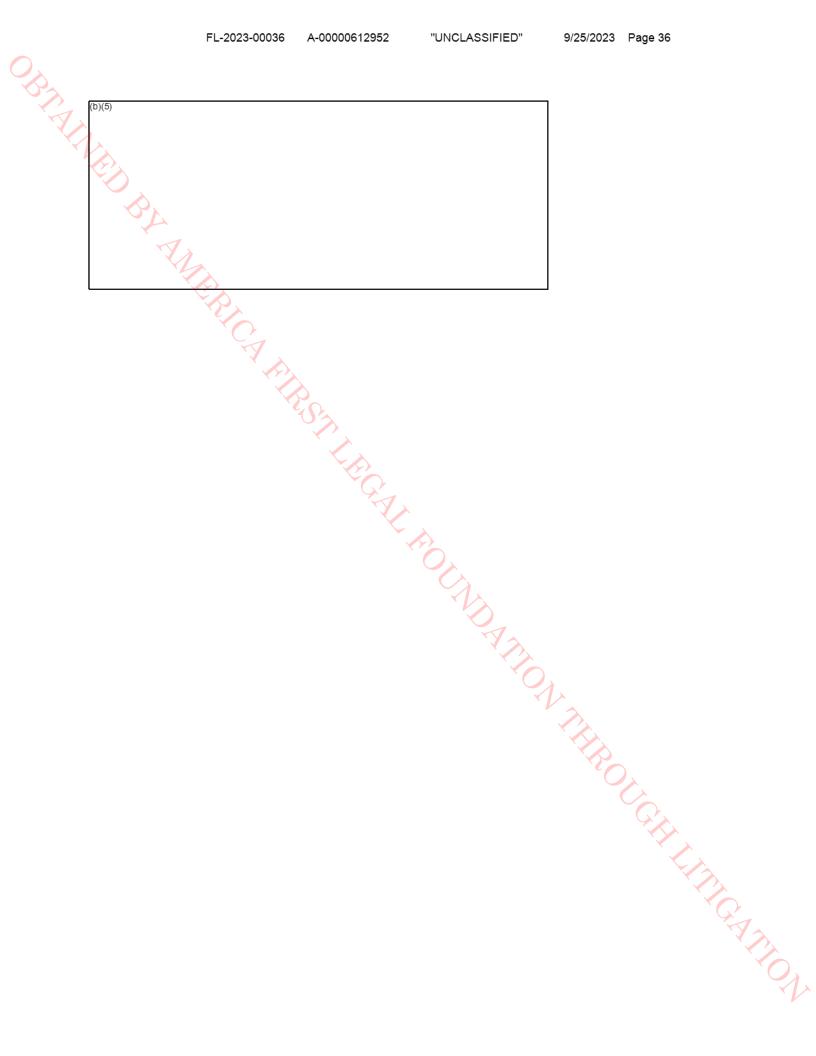
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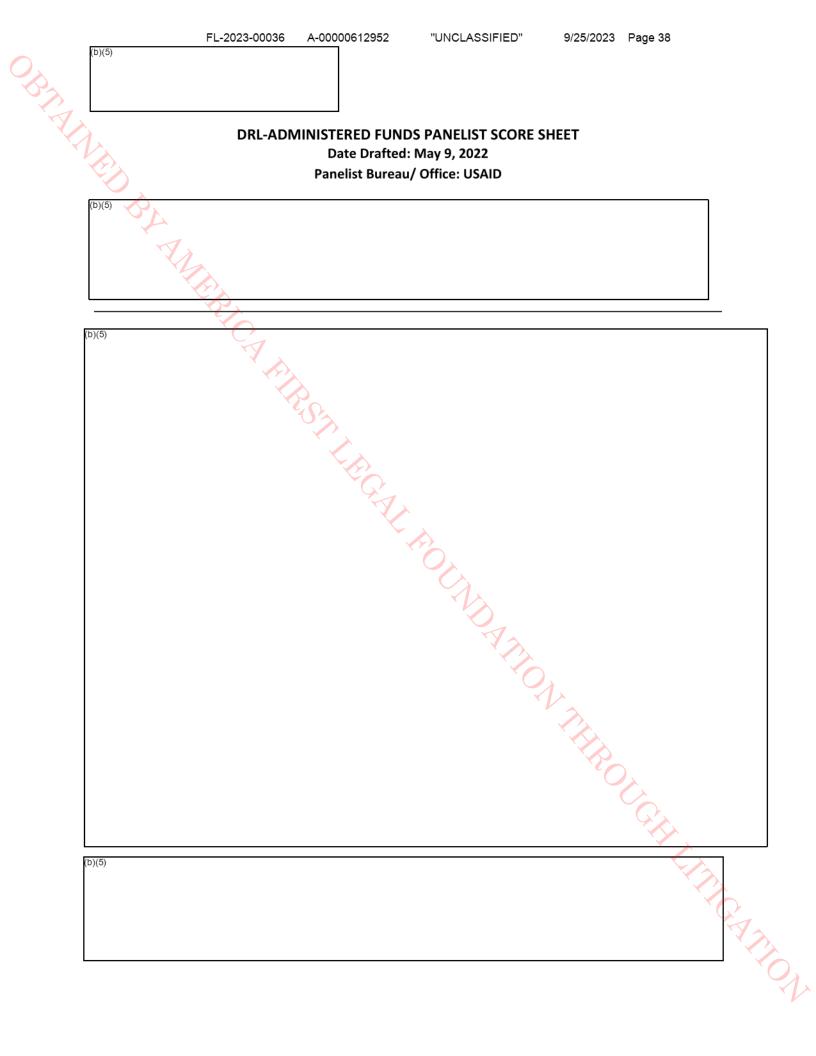
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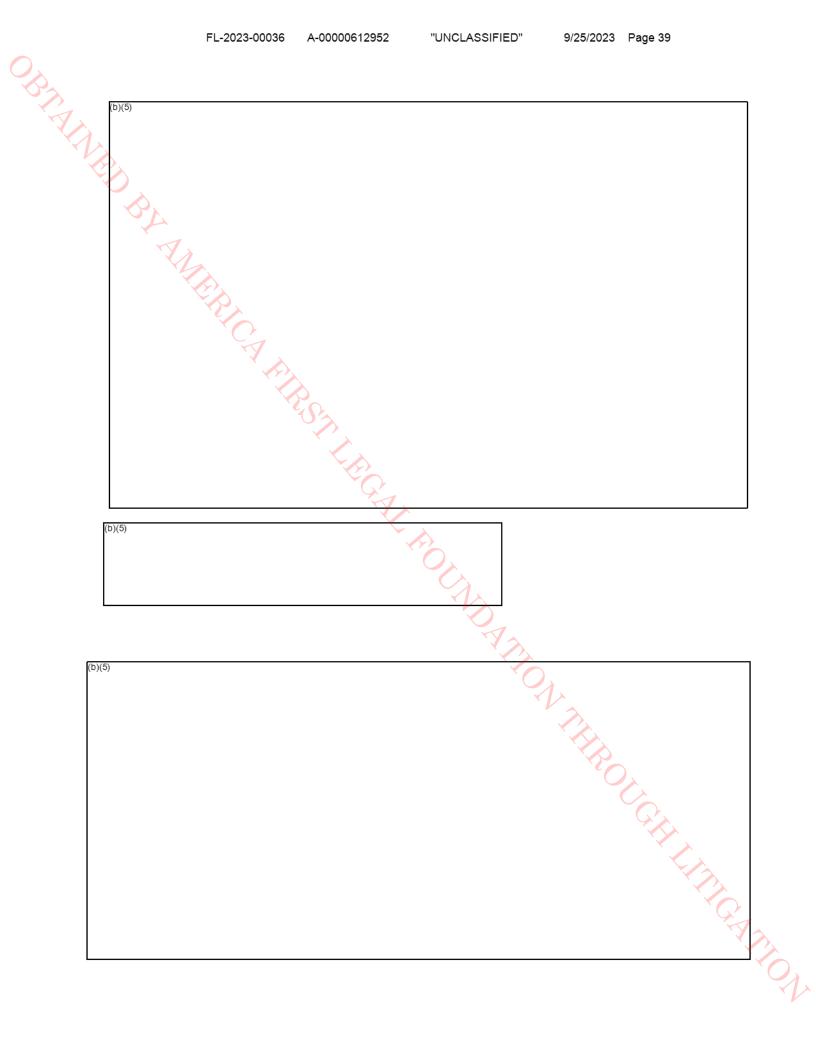
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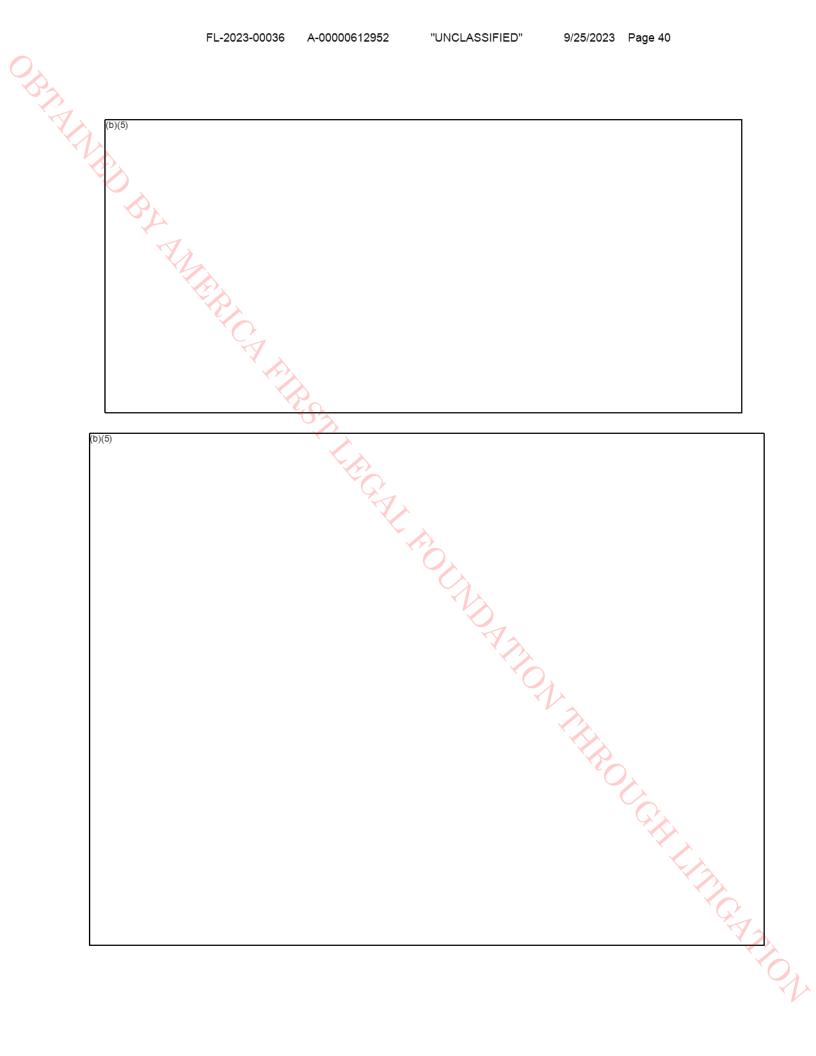
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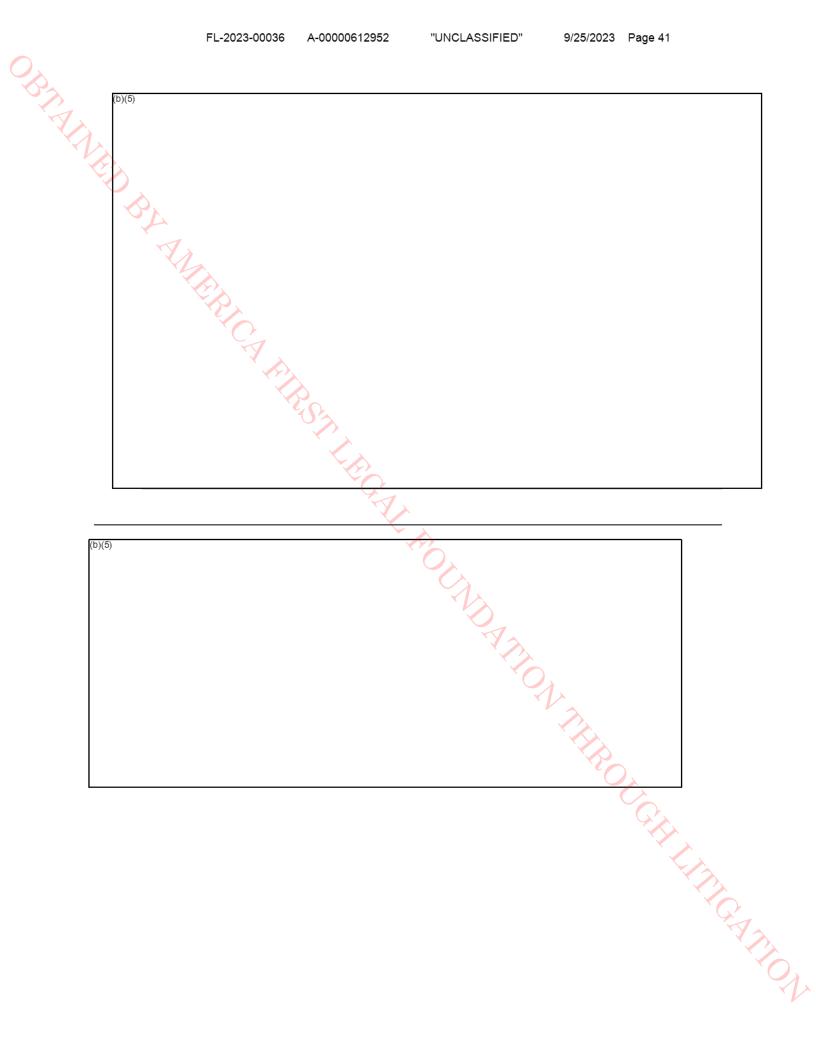
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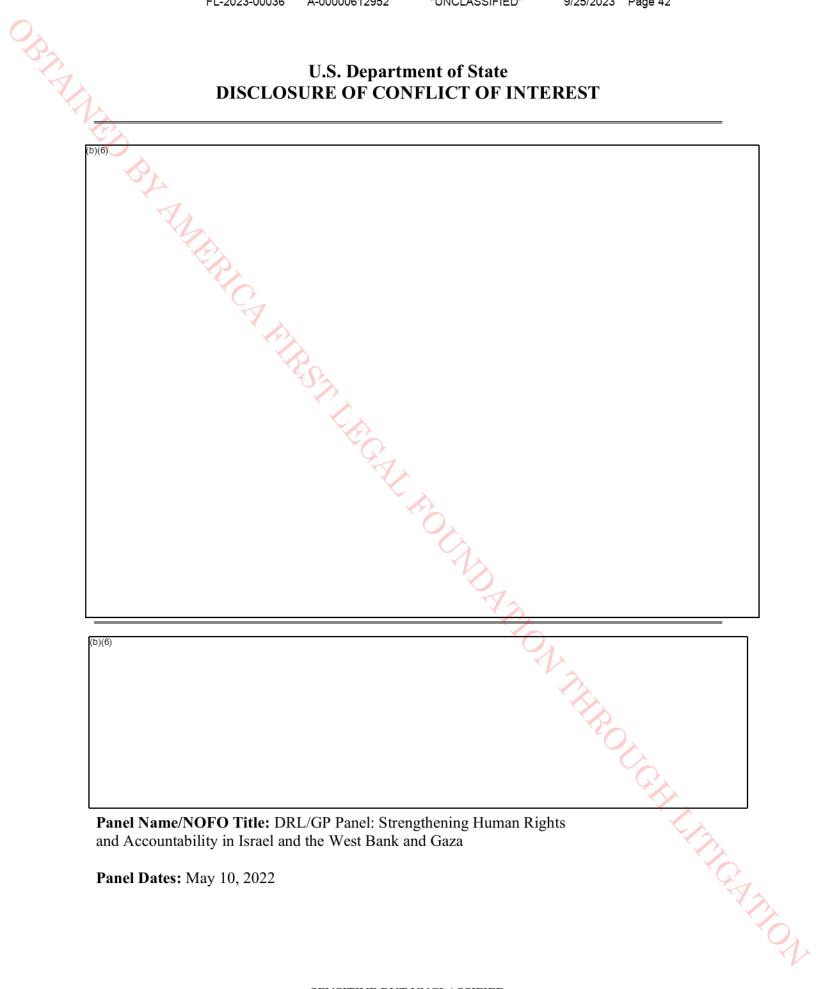
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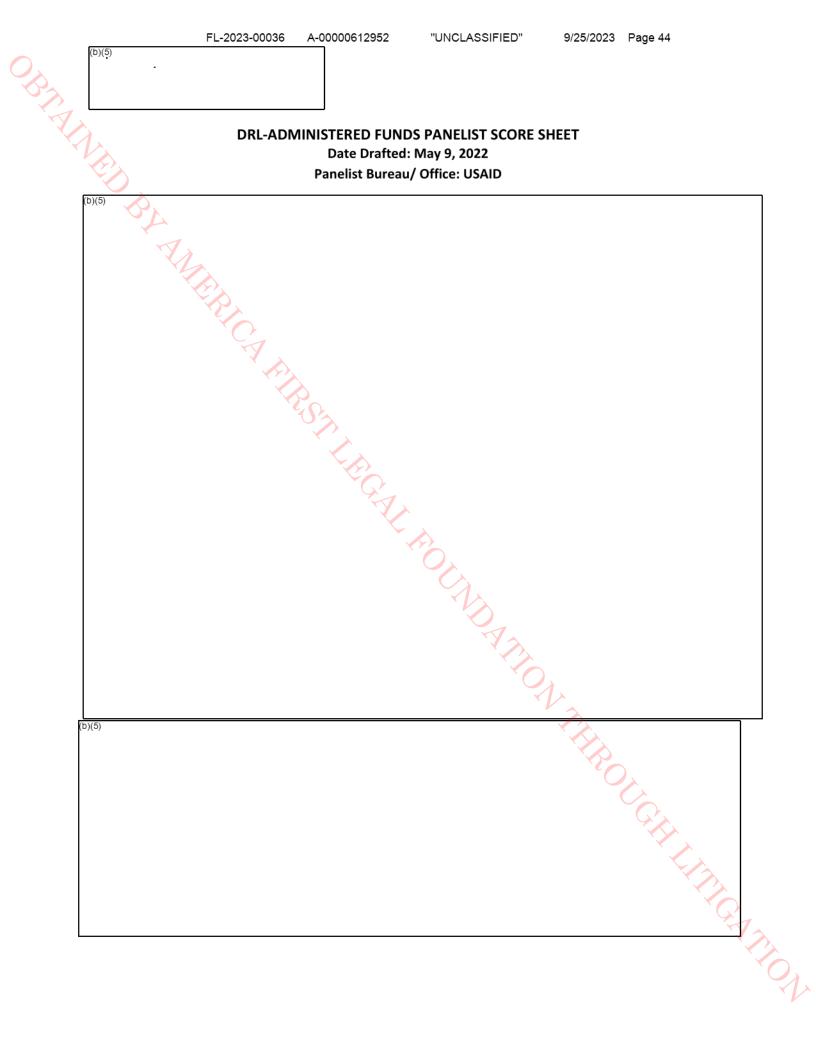
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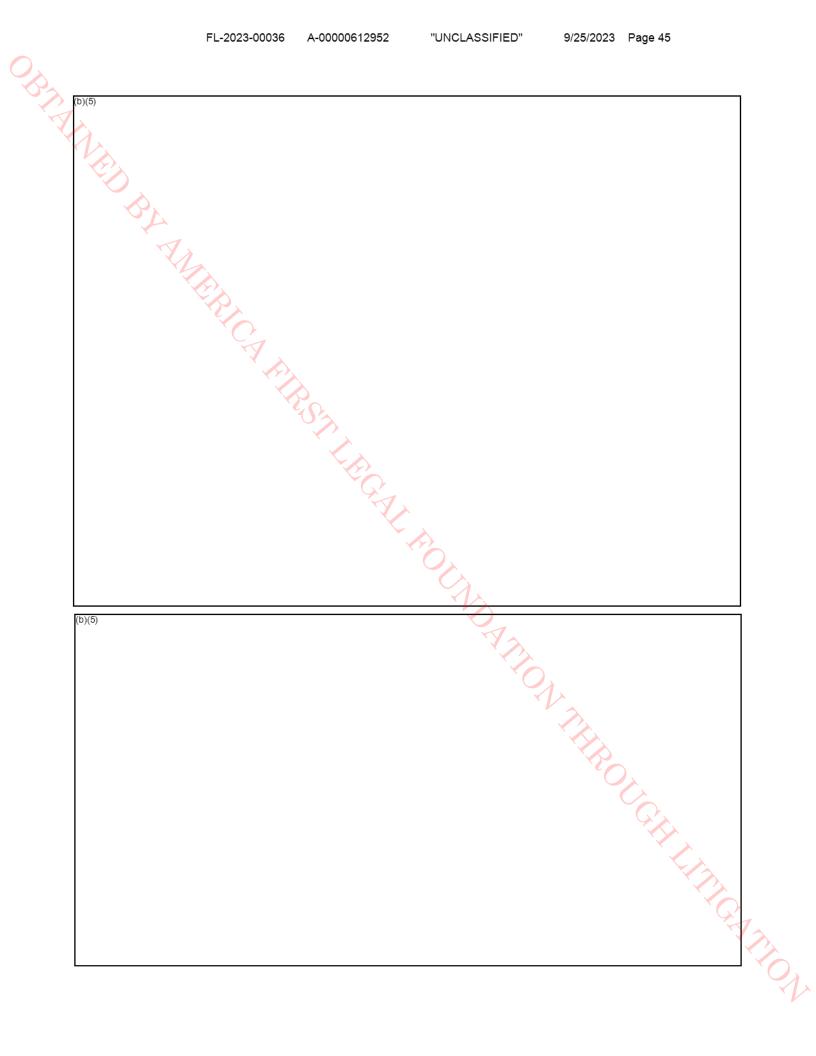
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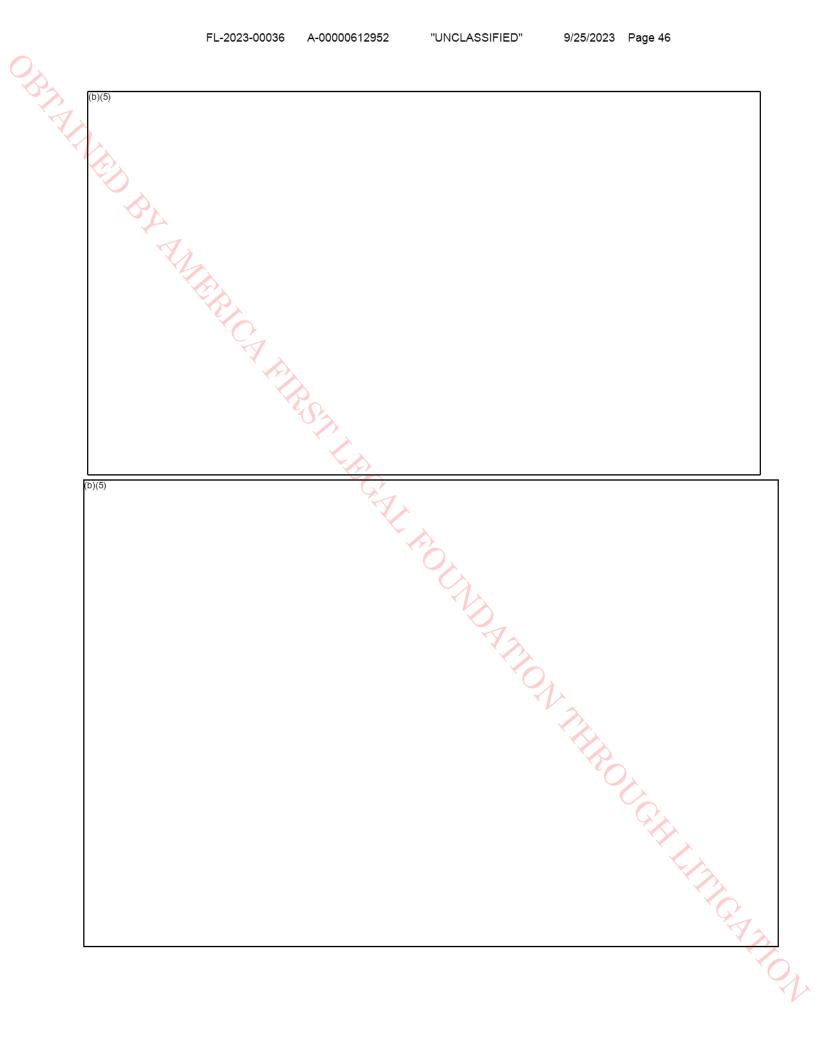
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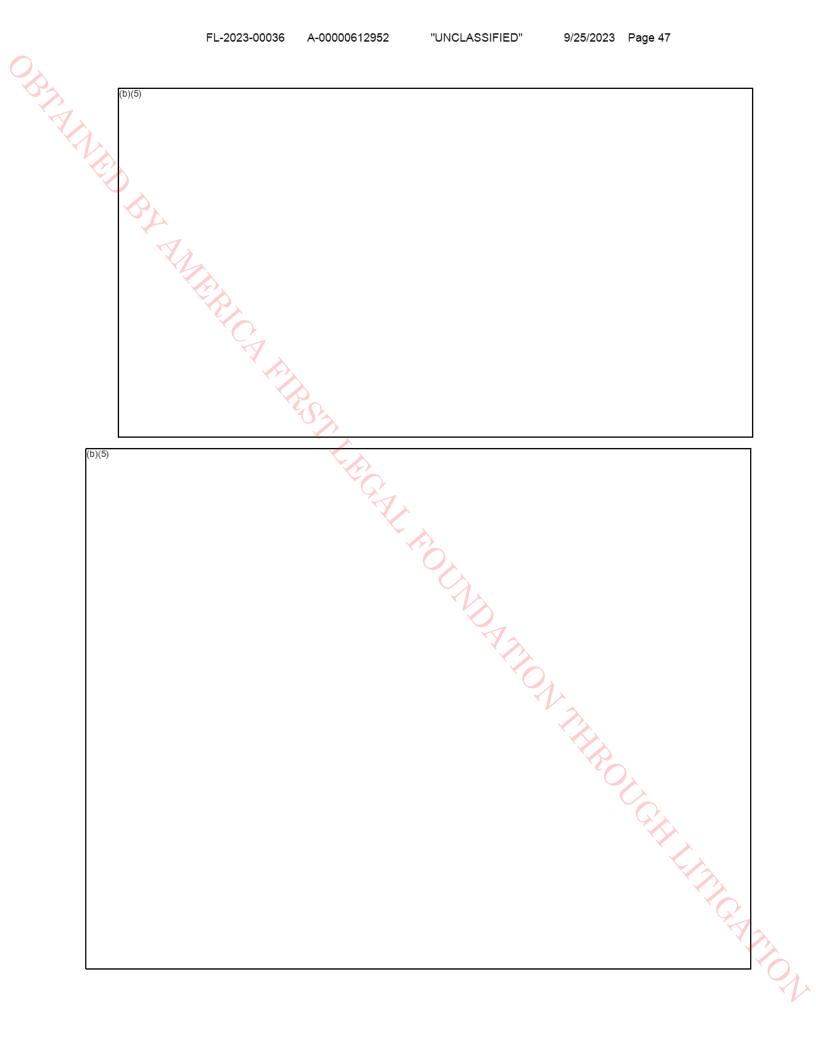
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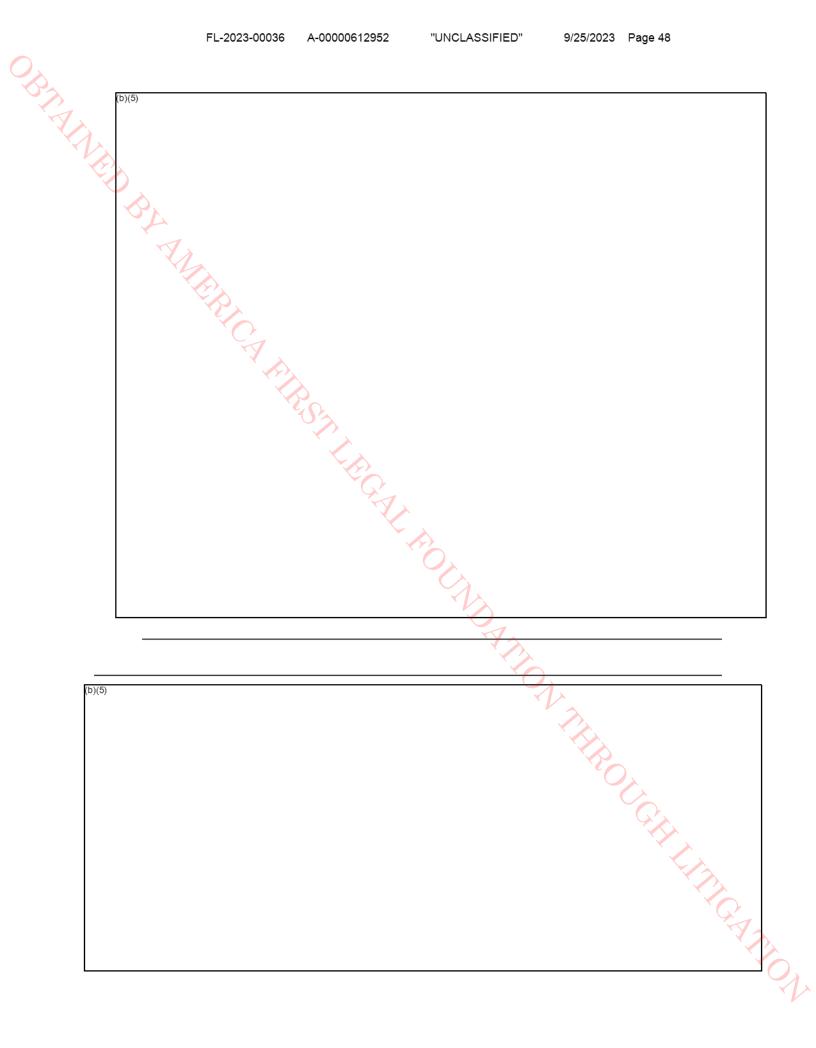
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DRL/GP is looking forward to your participation in next week's full proposal review panel for programs strengthening human rights and accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza. We will conduct this panel on Tuesday, **May 10, 2022, from 9:00-10:30 AM ET** via Teams.

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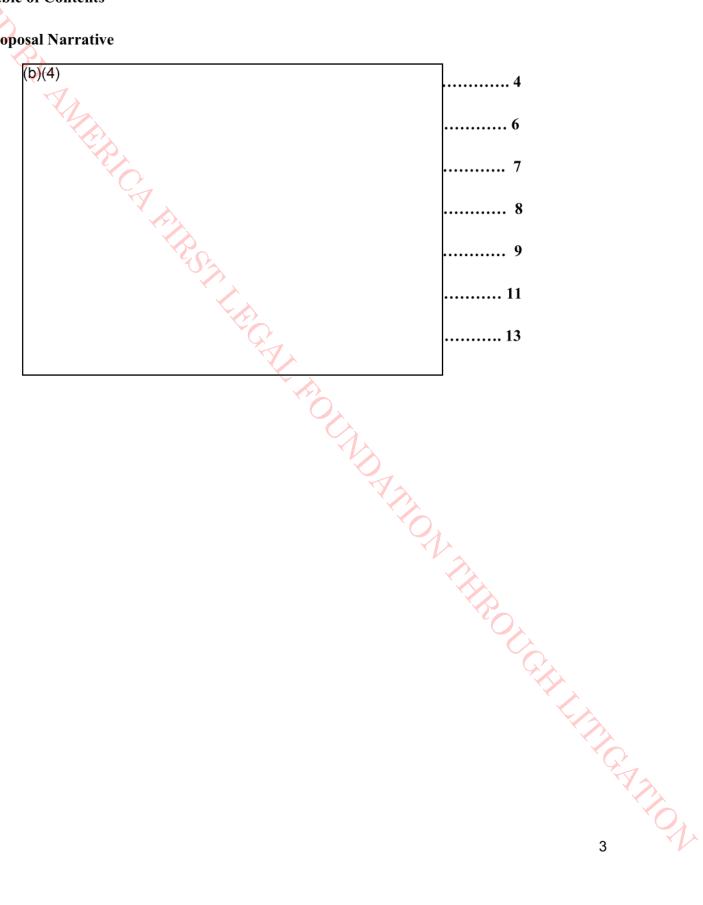


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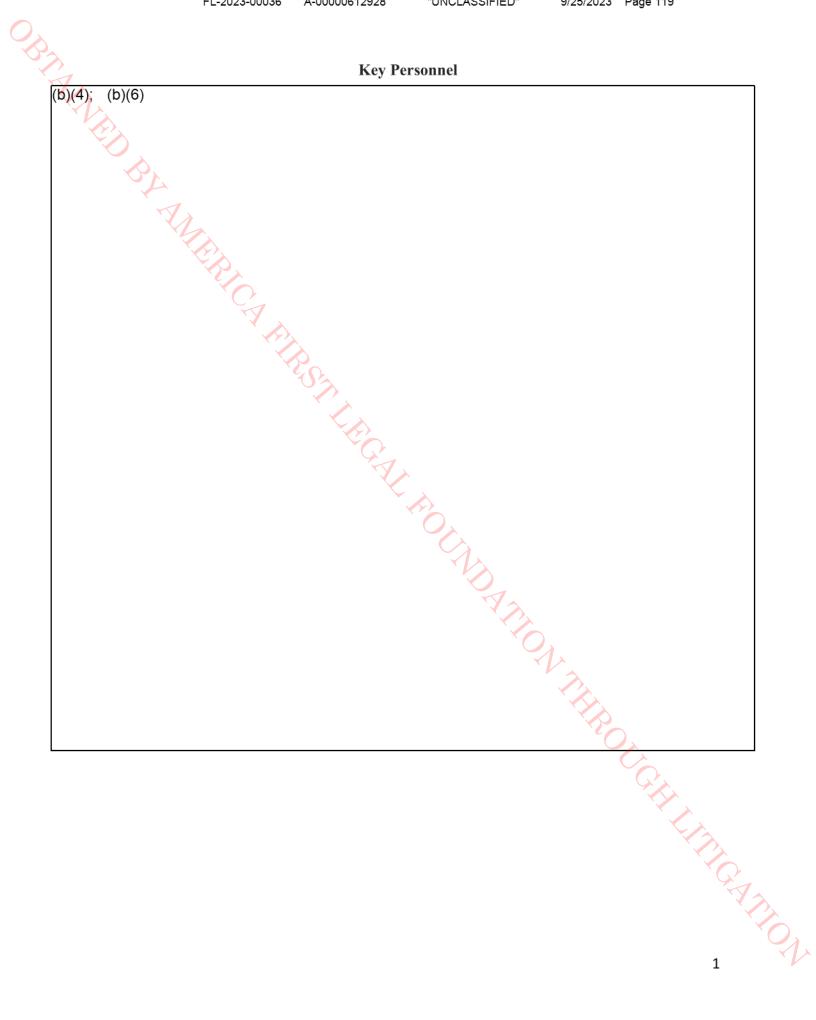
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Dear (b)(6)

Please see the attached letter, which provides further information on the status of your proposal to the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor's (DRL) solicitation *DRL: DRL Strengthening Human Rights and Accountability in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza* – Funding Opportunity Number SFOP0008613.

Best,	
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