



June 3, 2024

**VIA FOIA PORTAL**

Douglas Hibbard, Chief, Initial Request Staff  
Office of Information Policy  
Department of Justice  
6th Floor, 441 G St NW  
Washington, DC 20530

**Freedom of Information Act Request: Emails of Matthew Colangelo**

Dear FOIA Officer:

America First Legal Foundation is a national, nonprofit organization working to promote the rule of law in the United States, prevent executive overreach, and ensure due process and equal protection for all Americans, all to promote public knowledge and understanding of the law and individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States. To that end, we file Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests on issues of pressing public concern, then disseminate the information we obtain, making documents broadly available to the public, scholars, and the media. Using our editorial skills to turn raw materials into distinct work, we distribute that work to a national audience through traditional and social media platforms. AFL has over 222,000 followers on Facebook, 230,000 followers on X, and our Founder and President has over 635,000 followers.

**I. Requested Records**

AFL requests the following records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

A. Records of all communications with the following:

- a. The New York County (Manhattan) District Attorney's Office (including but not limited to any email address ending in "@dany.nyc.gov")
- b. Special Counsel Jack Smith
- c. Jay Bratt

611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231  
Washington, DC 20003

320 South Madison Avenue  
Monroe, Georgia 30655

- d. David Harbach
- e. Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (including but not limited to any email address ending in @citizensforethics.org)

The date range for this request is January 20, 2021, to the date this request is fully processed.

- B. All records of or relating to the processing of item A.

## II. Custodians

- A. Matthew Colangelo

## III. Processing

Processing should occur in strict compliance 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 a more efficient production of records of interest to AFL, then please contact the undersigned at FOIA@aflegal.org.

## IV. Fee Waiver

Per 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), AFL requests a waiver of all search and duplication fees associated with this request. We believe AFL’s noncommercial commitment to public education and transparency justifies this fee waiver. 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.

## V. Production

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

[Signature page follows]

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Dep’t of Justice (Mar. 15, 2022), <https://bit.ly/3zvpxb6>.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jacob Meckler  
America First Legal Foundation