

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

## 04/04/2022

Mr. Reed Rubinstein American First Legal Foundation 600 14th Street, N.W., 5th Floor Washington, DC

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RE: Your FOIA Request to Treasury, Case Number 2022-FOIA-00342

Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, dated 03/30/2022. You have requested access to the following records:

"A. The Department's "Equity Action Plan," that was required by Section 7 of Executive Order 13985 (January 20, 2021) on "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government," to be submitted to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget by January 20, 2022.

B. The Department's "Equity Assessment," that was required by Section 5 of Executive Order 13985 (January 20, 2021) on "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government," to be submitted to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy by August 8, 2021."

I have initiated a search within the Departmental Offices for records that would be responsive to your request. Every effort will be made to provide you with a timely response; however, unusual circumstances exist regarding the search for and review of potentially responsive records which may delay our response. This may include the need to consult with multiple program offices, to review a voluminous quantity of records, or to search for records stored in multiple locations. I invite you to contact my office to discuss limiting the scope of your request which could significantly reduce the time needed to process your request.

We will review your request for a fee waiver once our office ascertains that the billable costs will exceed our \$25.00 billing threshold.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact Treasury's FOIA Public Liaison by phone at (202) 622-8098 or by email at FOIAPL@treasury.gov.

If the FOIA Public Liaison is unable to satisfactorily resolve your question or concern, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may contact the agency directly by email at <a href="OGIS@nara.gov">OGIS@nara.gov</a>, by phone at (877) 684-6448, by fax at (202) 741-5769 or by mail at the address below:

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You may reach me via telephone at 202-622-0930, extension 2; or via e-mail at <u>FOIA@treasury.gov</u>. Please reference FOIA case number 2022-FOIA-00342 when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely, Cawana Pearson FOIA and Transparency Office of Privacy, Transparency, and Records U.S. Department of the Treasury