



FOIA Appeal Acknowledgement 2022-OGC-00106-A

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Dear Mr. Ding-

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Your appeal has been assigned case number **FOIA Appeal No. 2022-OGC-00106-A**. Please refer to this case number in any future correspondence.

If you have any questions regarding the processing of this appeal, please contact Roman Vayner via email at roman.vayner.gov or USDAFOIA@usda.gov. For additional information regarding USDA FOIA regulations and process, please refer to the information available on-line at [Freedom of Information Act Division | USDA](#).

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you.

Sincerely,

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