



U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review
Office of the General Counsel

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Reed D. Rubinstein
America First Legal Foundation

Re: 2022-36745

Dear Reed D. Rubinstein,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 04/04/2022 to the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in which you seek

Custodians

- A. Lucas Guttentag (ODAG)
- B. Margaret (Margie) O'Herron (ODAG)
- C. Jill Anderson (EOIR)
- D. Charles Adkins-Blanch (EOIR)
- E. Mary Cheng (EOIR)
- F. Daniel Dougherty (EOIR)
- G. Jean King (EOIR)
- H. James McHenry (EOIR)
- I. Sheila McNulty (EOIR)
- J. David Neal (EOIR)
- K. Lauren Alder Reid (EOIR)
- L. Kate Sheehey (EOIR)
- M. Tracy Short (EOIR)
- N. Alexander Wang (EOIR)
- O. Dan Weiss (EOIR)
- P. David Wetmore (EOIR)

A) For custodians A and B, all calendar items that contain the terms "DPC" or "Domestic Policy Council" and "Immigration".

B) For custodians A and B, all records containing the phrases "immigration court backlog", "EOIR court backlog", or "low priority".

C) For custodians A and B, all records of e-mail communications with any email domain ending in "eop.gov", "hq.dhs.gov", "ice.dhs.gov", and/or "cbp.dhs.gov" mentioning or relating to either proposed changes in EOIR processes or identification/prioritization of cases.

D) For all custodians, all records mentioning or relating to “immigration court backlog” or “low priority” cases.

E) For all custodians, all records related to any proposal to allow EOIR judges to administratively close, dismiss, terminate, or otherwise dispose of cases pending before them other than through adjudication on the merits.

F) For all custodians, all records related to any proposal to amend or change the process by which EOIR judges are assigned cases, to include any plan or proposal to establish new dockets or allow judges to select the individual cases over which they want to preside.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 7/1/2021 To 5/9/2022).

Upon review of the request, it was determined that some of the records you seek originate from a different component within the Department of Justice. Lucas Guttentag and Margaret (Margie) O’Herron are employees of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. Therefore, items 1, 2 and 3 of this request are being referred to the Office of Information Policy for direct response to you. Accordingly, EOIR has closed these portions of the request.

Pertaining to item 3, 4 and 5 of your request as-filed for records would require the Executive Office of Immigration Review to conduct an unreasonably burdensome search. Because your request would require an unreasonably burdensome search and is therefore, not reasonably described, your request was placed on hold.

Please contact EOIR to clarify your request. If we do not hear from you within 30 calendar days of this notice, we will assume that you are no longer interested and your request will be administratively closed.

Sincerely,

Jeniffer Perez Santiago
Attorney Advisor