

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration Washington, D.C. 20230

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RE: DOC-OS-2022-001834

Dear Mr. Ding:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your June 10, 2022, request made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, regarding A. The Department's "strategic plan," that was required by Section 3(b) of Executive Order 14019 (March 7, 2021) on "Promoting Access to Voting," to be submitted to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy by September 23, 2021. B. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) recommendations required by Section 7 of Executive Order 14019 (March 7, 2021) on "Promoting Access to Voting," to be published by December 2, 2021.

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Privacy and Open Government (the "Office") received your request on June 10, 2022, and assigned it the above referenced tracking request number. Unless you advise otherwise, we will treat as non-responsive any compilations of publicly available news reports and any publicly available documents note created by the U.S. government, such as mass-distribution emails from news media. This Office will not be able to respond within the 20 days provided by the statute due to "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). In this instance, the "unusual circumstances" include the need to search for and collect the requested records agency records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from this Office. This Office will process your request as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Kietta Lockerman, the analyst assigned to processing your request, at <u>KLockerman@doc.gov</u>. For further assistance, you may also contact me as this Office's FOIA Public Liaison at <u>eFOIA@doc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

*for* Nicholas J. Cormier Deputy Program Director Office of Privacy and Open Government