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Dear Mr. Ding,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request No. SBA-2022-007490 in which you requested:

1. All administrative processing records (including notes, emails, and memos) related to SBA FOIA Request No. SBA-2022-006641 that are not protected by attorney-client privilege. Please be sure to include all attachments to any emails.

SBA is releasing the attached documents that are responsive to your request. Redactions have been made pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 6. Exemption 5 protects deliberative and pre-decisional materials written as part of the decision-making process in federal agencies. FOIA Exemption 6 protects information about individuals in “personnel and medical files and similar files” when the disclosure of such information “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” The redacted information consists of personal email addresses and cell phone numbers, and clearly falls under the protection of FOIA exemption 6.

If you are dissatisfied with the Agency’s decision, you may file an administration appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter to:

Office of Hearings and Appeals
Attention: Oreoluwa Fashola, FOIA Office
409 3rd Avenue, SW – 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20416

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, the Office of Government Information Services (“OGIS”), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman’s Office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

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Sincerely,

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