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RE: Your FOIA Request to Treasury, Case Number 2022-FOIA-00481

Dear Mr. Ding:

This is the final response of the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 6/10/2022. You have requested access to the following records:

"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."

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. A reasonable search was conducted for records responsive to your request. In response to the search, six (6) pages were located within the Departmental Offices of Treasury. After carefully considering these records, I am withholding six (6) pages in full. The withheld information is protected from disclosure under the FOIA pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

Exemption (b)(5), Permits withholding information under the deliberative process privilege, including the pre-decisional documents, or information that could be withheld under civil discovery, attorney-client, or attorney-work product privileges.

There are no fees assessed at this time since allowable charges fell below $25.

You have the right to appeal this decision within 90 days from the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for your appeal. Please also cite the FOIA reference number noted above. Your appeal should be addressed to:

> FOIA Appeal
> FOIA and Transparency
> Office of Privacy, Transparency, and Records
> Department of the Treasury
> 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20220

If you submit your appeal by mail, clearly mark the letter and the envelope with the words "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days from the date of this letter.

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison for assistance via email at FOIAPL@treasury.gov, or via phone at (202) 622-8098. A FOIA Public Liaison is a supervisory official to whom FOIA requesters can raise questions or concerns about the agency's FOIA process. FOIA Public Liaisons can explain agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, provide an estimated date of completion, and discuss how to reformulate and/or reduce the scope of requests in order to minimize fees and expedite processing time.

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 OGIS@nara.gov, by phone at (877) 684-6448, by fax at (202) 741-5769 or by mail at the address below:

> Office of Government Information Services
> National Archives and Records Administration
> 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
> College Park, MD 20740-6001

Please note that contacting any agency official (including the FOIA analyst, FOIA Requester Service Center, FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90-day appeal clock

You may reach me via telephone at 202-622-0930, extension 2; or via e-mail at *FOIA@treasury.gov*. Please reference FOIA case number 2022-FOIA-00481 when contacting our office about this request.

> Sincerely,
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> Mark Bittner
> Director, FOIA and Transparency
> Office of Privacy, Transparency, and Records