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Request No. 145-FOI-21321

Dear David Medeiros:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated and received in this office on December 3, 2024, in which you requested "records related to complaints and actions associated with my submitted cases, including but not limited to DOJ complaint numbers #534659-XGL, #539298-RJM, #534060-HWM, and #539330-JBZ." You addressed this request to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Information Policy (OIP) and Civil Rights Division (CRT). You also addressed this request to an office within a separate federal agency: the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Finally, you also addressed this request to two state agencies: the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management and the Connecticut Department of Social Services.

To the extent you seek records from other components within the Department of Justice, in this instance OIP and CRT, I have routed your request to OIP and CRT. Any status inquiries concerning your request should be directed to OIP and CRT, respectively. OIP and CRT's contact information can be located via search at https://www.foia.gov/agency-search.html.

To the extent you seek records from another federal agency, in this instance CMS, please be advised that the FOIA operation of the federal government is decentralized, and each federal agency maintains and processes FOIA requests for its own records. Accordingly, you will need to direct your request to the federal agency, here CMS, you believe would have records pertaining to the subject of your request. Additional information regarding all agencies' administration of the FOIA, including their contact information and online request forms, if applicable, is available at www.FOIA.gov.

To the extent you seek state or local government records, please be advised that the Civil Division does not maintain records for state or local governments. For your information, the federal Freedom of Information Act applies only to records maintained by federal agencies that are subject to the FOIA. Records that are maintained by state or local authorities are subject only to any records access laws that might be applicable to those states and localities. Accordingly, if you have not already done so, I suggest that you make a request for such records to the proper state or local authority in accordance with the appropriate state or local records access law.

Accordingly, we have not processed your request and will close your file in our Office.

If you have any questions, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison by telephone at 202-514-2319 or you may write to civil.routing.foia@usdoj.gov or to the FOIA and Privacy

Office, Civil Division, Department of Justice, Room 8314, 1100 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the Civil Division's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If possible, please provide a copy of your original request and this response letter with your appeal.

Sincerely,

Brian Flannigan

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Chief, FOIA and Privacy Office