

January 24, 2018

FOIA REQUEST
Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

We request all Nuclear Regulatory Commission Congressional Correspondence Logs or other records that track Congressional communications, including those maintained by component, regional or program offices, for correspondence received between January 1, 2007, and January 24, 2018. To be clear, we are not requesting the correspondence texts. We are requesting all fields of information recorded in logs, tracking systems, or databases about each congressional correspondence such as, but not limited to the identity of Sender, Addressee, Subject, Date Received, Date of Reply, Office or Official handling the response, Action, Document Type, Processing Codes and Instructions, and Reference or Control Numbers.

We request that digital information be provided in the **same format in which it is maintained**, via email, preserving any metadata where possible. We prefer documents in the following formats:

- Digital database or document information maintained in formats including .mdb, .mdf, .sql, .xml, .json, or Microsoft Office file formats: in the original, machine-readable format (i.e. if possible, **not .pdf**)

Further to our request to waive fees associated with this request, we note that these documents are necessary for research investigating the balancing of requests from diverse stakeholders in fulfilling its statutory mission. The documents will be used for a scholarly or scientific purpose and not for a commercial use. Disclosure of the requested information to us is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in our commercial interest. In the alternative to our request for a fee waiver and for purposes of determining the applicability of fees and exemptions, you should know that we are professors at the University of Chicago and University of Wisconsin-Madison, major research institutions, and these documents will be used for scientific publications that advance the scholarly research goals of our institutions and to contribute to public understanding of the operations of the government. If you estimate that the fees for this request will exceed \$25.00, please inform us first and await our authorization.

We believe this disclosure warrants expedited processing. As scholars, we are primarily interested in disseminating information. Timely publication of this research will inform current public discussions about the operations of the government.

If our request is denied in whole or part, we ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. We will also expect you to release all severable portions of otherwise exempt material.

As this information is of timely value, we would appreciate any and all communications regarding the request be sent to us by email at **CorrespondenceResearch@gmail.com** rather than by mail, or by phone at (608)-352-9144 if you have questions regarding this request.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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