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Request

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Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the agency, I respectfully request the following: From the timeframe of January 20, 2021 to present, all of the following records from CARRIE SAFFORD, SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION: All sent/received SMS, Signal, Whatsapp, or Wickr messages mentioning 'FOIA' OR 'investigation' OR 'OIG' OR 'delete' OR 'interview' OR 'agent'. Please comply fully with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). Please limit all searches to the the timeframe of 20 January, 2021 starting from 00:01 on 20 January, 2021 to the present. Search Instructions: For potentially responsive documents, please include the full communications/email chain, and all attachments in order to provide surrounding context. Please search all text, SMS, or messaging application messages that would potentially be responsive to the request. In the event that the custodian did not retain messages in accordance with the Federal Records Act and various disposition authorities, please explicitly state that in the response.

Request description

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID	media
Fee waiver	yes

This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes. As an investigative journalist and columnist, the requested information is in the public interest because of the innate lack of transparency of government agencies in disclosing information of national interest—such as compliance with the retention of documents under the Federal Records Act (FRA). Further, this is amplified by the slow processing times and understaffing of the agency's FOIA office, delaying timely release of information by the agency—impeding the ability to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal government activity—quickly creating circumstances, 'in which there exists possible questions about the integrity of the government that affect public confidence'. Because this is a request by a member of the news media for information of public interest, made in my capacity as an investigative columnist for the Daily Signal (a major news outlet), I actively gather information of potential interest to my audience, and I use my editorial skills to turn raw materials into a distinct work, and I distribute that work to my audience through articles. My latest articles published can be found at the following url: <https://www.dailysignal.com/author/colin-aamot/>. I request that you waive all applicable fees associated with this request. If you deny this request for a fee waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges if they are to exceed \$50. Please send me a detailed and itemized explanation of those charges. Thank you in advance for considering my request. If you have any questions, or feel you need clarification of this request please contact me at [REDACTED].

Explanation

Willing to pay

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Expedited processing

Expedited Processing

no

Additional information

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