

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
December 28, 2023- January 3, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
January 8, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items:

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On December 29, 2023, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Commissioner Troy A. Miller from December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. (CBP-FO-2024-037807)
- On December 29, 2023, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Deputy Commissioner Pete R. Flores from December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. (CBP-FO-2024-037808)
- On December 29, 2023, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Chief Operating Officer James McCament from December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. (CBP-FO-2024-037809)
- On December 29, 2023, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Deputy Assistant Commissioner Stephanie Talton from December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. (CBP-FO-2024-037810)
- On December 29, 2023, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to agreements between TSA and the company that offers the Clear airport security service between January 1, 2022, and December 29, 2023. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00367)
- On December 29, 2023, **Lindsay Schrupp**, a representative of *Thrillist* in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to incident reports and complaints containing the word "dog" between January 1, 2017, through the present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00369)

- On December 30, 2023, **Breanna Morello**, a representative of **B More Media LLC** in Delray Beach, Florida, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to internal emails to and from DHS regarding the “SSSS” watchlist also known as “Quiet Skies” from January 6, 2021, to June 30, 2021. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00372)
- On December 30, 2023, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to reports, probes, or audits regarding Clear providing an erroneous clearance through the Clear service. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00373)
- On December 30, 2023, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to any reports, analyses, or complaints created or received by the TSA that discuss consumer complaints about Clear's use of biometric data. (Case Number TSA 2024-TSFO-00374)
- On December 30, 2023, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to guidance given to airport security employees affiliated with TSA in how to interact with or engage with employees involved with Clear, the private airport security service. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00375)
- On December 30, 2023, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to any documents released under request ID 2022-TSFO-00049. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00376)
- On December 30, 2023, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to reports created by TSA concerning Clear that have been sent to or from a member of Congress in the past three years. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00377)
- On December 30, 2023, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to complaints submitted to TSA through the official website under the Category "Screening" sent to the agency within the past three years. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00380)
- On December 30, 2023, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to any fairness or bias audits that TSA has conducted into the biometric identification algorithms used by Clear, the airport security service, within the past four years. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00378)
- On December 30, 2023, **Heather Kaiser**, a private individual in Yacolt, Washington, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the November 22, 2023, car accident at CBP’s Rainbow Bridge Port of Entry. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024- 037938)
- On January 2, 2024, **Melissa Federspill**, a representative of **Uvalde Leader-News** in Uvalde, Texas, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the total number of vehicle pursuits Border Patrol agents in the Del Rio Sector have conducted, including the total number of individuals killed and/or life-

threatening injuries sustained as a result, from January 1, 2019, to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024- 038322)

- On January 2, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to TSA's baggage screening systems that are unclassified, including information related to their efficacy, produced in the past four years. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00394)
- On January 2, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to any reports or notices sent to TSA employees regarding the use of Checkpoint Property Screening System (CPSS) program and new Computed Tomography (CT) machines. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00398)
- On January 2, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to emails sent to or from Yemi Oshinnaiye between 2020 through the present concerning Computed Tomography (CT) machines purchased by the TSA. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00399)
- On January 2, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to reports that FEMA has created regarding employees taking devices abroad without authorization. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00318)
- On January 2, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to reports, investigations, or probes into unauthorized access to FEMA systems created between 2020 and the present. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00319)
- On January 2, 2024, **James LaPorta**, a representative of **The Messenger** in Reston, Virginia, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records between November 1, 2023, and January 2, 2024, concerning improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, on the southwestern border of the United States. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-038649)
- On January 3, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to CBP policies that are meant to govern the use of commercial telemetry data (CTD) that were created within the past four years. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-038847)
- On January 3, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to any reports, policies, or analyses regarding the usage and accuracy of the CBP Firearms, Armor, and Credentials Tracking System (FACTS). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-038851)
- On January 3, 2024, **Matt Schroeder**, a representative of **Small Arms Survey** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to data on seized outbound shipments of firearms, their ammunition, parts, and accessories intended for delivery to countries in the western hemisphere from January 2016 until December 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-039207)

- On January 3, 2024, **Christopher Yasiejko**, a representative of **Bloomberg Law** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to Apple Inc.'s request for a ruling to determine if the redesigned Apple Watch still infringes on Masimo Corp.'s patents. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-039378)
- On January 3, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to TSA Administrator Pekoske's congressional correspondences and calendar entries for December 2023. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00365)
- On January 3, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to documents sent by TSA concerning a request for a software update. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00400)
- On January 3, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to TSA's list of qualified products for Computed Tomography (CT) systems for use in airport security. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00401)
- On January 3, 2024, **Sunil Dasgupta**, a representative of **I Hate Politics Podcast** in Rockville, Maryland, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the information on firearms found and recovered at airports from January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2023. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00387)
- On January 3, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to complaints sent to the TSA about the Clear airport security within the past three years. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00379)
- On January 3, 2024, **Sarah Davila**, a representative of **ProPublica** in Chicago, Illinois, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to ICE's contractual relationships with private security and data collection companies. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-12639)
- On January 3, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to Clear's Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with DHS. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00577)
- On January 3, 2024, **McKenzie Funk**, a representative of **ProPublica** in Bellingham, Washington, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to emails sent between any email address at the domain ice.gov and any email address at the domain geogroup.com that contain the keyword "the wrap". (Case Number 2024-ICFO-12612)
- On January 3, 2024, **Michael Howell**, a representative of **The Heritage Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to calendar entries, flight logs, congressional correspondences and statements made on the record, during public press conferences or events open to the public for Stephanie Doherty, Director of Legislative Affairs. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00548)

- On January 3, 2024, **Matthew Gray**, a private individual requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the “Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response” project. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00549)

**Late Requests:**

- Nothing significant to report.

**III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On December 28, 2023, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Austin Grabish**, a representative of *ABC 10 News* in San Diego, California, a full denial in response to his request seeking video footage of an incident that occurred at former CBP Officer Andre Maurice Chevalier’s inspection booth at the San Ysidro Port of Entry on April 23, 2022. These records were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(A). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-032857)
- On January 2, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Victoria Gaubeca**, a representative of *Alliance San Diego*, in Tucson, Arizona, 162 pages of records pertaining to CBP’s Use of Force Incident Guide. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2022-127081)
- On January 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of *inewsourc*e in San Diego, California, 56 pages of records pertaining to the September 21, 2021, Missing Migrant Program Internal Operating Procedure and the November 2007 Border Safety Initiative Tracking System User Manual. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2022-124128)

**IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals**

- Nothing significant to report.

**V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

- Nothing significant to report.

**VI. Litigation**

- In the matter of the *State of Florida v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-14462)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the impacts of DHS’s September 30, 2021, immigration enforcement guidance. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2021, claiming injunctive relief. On December 29, 2023, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its eighteenth interim response consisting of 110 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Project on Government Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02317)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 30, 2022,

seeking records pertaining to CBP's Use of Force Incident Guide in effect from January 1, 2015, until the present. Plaintiff filed suit on August 10, 2023, claiming injunctive and declaratory relief. On January 2, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released 162 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (22-cv-02089)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 21, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the naturalization civics test and barriers to legal immigration. On January 3, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 263 pages of records to the plaintiff.

### **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

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**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items:

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On January 5, 2024, **Khaled Alrabe**, a representative of the **National Immigration Project (NIPNLG) and Muslim Advocates (MA)** in Washington, D.C, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the number of arrests made by Del Rio Sector, including the number of referrals by CBP to U.S. Attorneys. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-040402)
- On January 5, 2024, **Linsay Schrupp**, a representative of **Thrillist** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to complaints received by TSA regarding the TSA Canine Training Center between January 1, 2022, and the present; adoption contracts for dogs adopted from the TSA Canine Training Center Adoption Program between January 1, 2023, and the present; a list of all dogs that participated but did not graduate from the TSA Canine Training Center between January 1, 2022, and December 28, 2023. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00413)
- On January 5, 2024, **Linsay Schrupp**, a representative of **Thrillist** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to photos, manuals, or videos intended for or used to train federal air marshals in 2023. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00414)
- On January 8, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to email communications referencing Federal Air Marshals being placed on aircrafts to track U.S. citizens that traveled to the Washington, D.C. area the week of January 3, 2021. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00424)
- On January 9, 2024, **Lauren Theisen**, a representative of **Defector Media** in Brooklyn, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to email communications from TSA to its agents outlining guidance for the screening of transgender passengers since the start of 2022; TSA's active contracts with Leidos for the manufacture of its body scanner; and any complaints received from transgender passengers at LAX or JFK airports from June 2023 through the end of December 2023. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00426)
- On January 9, 2024, **Eva Xiao**, a representative of the **Financial Times** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to U.S. Border Patrol and CBP Field of Operations' dispositions and transfers for the

Southwest Border from January 2019 to January 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-041871)

- On January 10, 2024, **Brody Ford**, a representative of *Bloomberg News* in Queens, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the digital copies of the entire contract file and other written agreements with CLEAR Secure; the memo from TSA to Clear which mandated Clear subscribers undergo a review of their identification documents by a TSA agent before they can enter the airport screening lanes. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00431)
- On January 10, 2024, **Brody Ford**, a representative of *Bloomberg News* in Queens, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to emails to or from employees in which the following domain “clearme.com” are in the To, From, CC, BCC, Subject or Body fields of the email message from January 1, 2023, to January 8, 2024. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00432)

**Late Requests:**

- Nothing significant to report.

**III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On January 4, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Chris Stanley**, a representative of the **Functional Government Initiative** in Washington, D.C., 10 pages of records transferred to CBP from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) containing the total hours of leave used by CBP employees which the National Finance Center (NFC) processed leave transactions for calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021. All pages were released in full. (Case number CBP-FO-2023-086215)
- On January 8, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Austin Evers**, a representative of *American Oversight* in Washington, D.C., a no records determination in response to his request seeking emails from Kevin McAleenan, Ronald Vitiello, and Carla Provost communicating with; The Heritage Foundation, NumbersUSA, The Remembrance Project, Center of Immigration Studies, Immigration Reform Law Institute, and Federation for American Immigration Reform. (Case number CBP- 2019-056077)
- On January 8, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Krista Oehlke**, a representative of the **ACLU of Massachusetts**, in Boston, Massachusetts 63 pages of records pertaining to the guidance on Migrant Protection Protocols. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2022-100086)
- On January 8, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Rick Jervis**, a representative of *USA Today* in New York, New York, 8 pages of records pertaining to human resource records concerning former Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Juan David Ortiz who was convicted of murdering women in Laredo, Texas. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2020-069765).



- On January 10, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Michael Ravnitzky**, a private individual in Silver Spring, Maryland, 2 pages of records pertaining to a copy of the AS2 brief on Civil Unrest in the NOC presented on January 7, 2021. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7(E). (Case Number 2022-HQFO-01400)
- On January 10, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jared McBride**, a representative with the **University of California, Los Angeles**, in Sherman Oaks, California, 46 pages of records pertaining to the late Erna Kovacic, a suspected war criminal. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number NRC 2023-375195)
- On January 10, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jared McBride**, a representative of the **University of California, Los Angeles**, in Sherwood Oaks, California, 249 pages of records pertaining to the late Stephan Mezerya, a suspected war criminal. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number NRC 2023-383992)
- On January 10, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jared McBride**, a representative of the **University of California, Los Angeles**, in Sherwood Oaks, California, 140 pages of records pertaining to the late Alexey J. Rubanowsky, a suspected war criminal. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number NRC 2023-383994)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01498)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 4, 2022, requesting all records issued by Acting ICE Director Tae Johnson on or about June 7, 2021, and titled "REMINDER: Detention Policy Where an Immigration Judge has Granted Asylum, Withholding of Removal, or Convention Against Torture Protection, and DHS has appealed". On January 2, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 46 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *ACLU of Northern California v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-07534)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 26, 2022, seeking records for the period of January 1, 2018, through the present pertaining to inspection template forms provided by ICE ERO to its contractor organization, Nakamoto. On January 4, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 220 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Justice for Immigrant Families v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-00929)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 30, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the scope and scale of detention in the Buffalo Field Office District (BFOD) and records regarding the treatment of people detained at Batavia, including accommodations for disabled people; language access and access to justice; safe release practices; adequacy of medical care; solitary confinement practices; officer misconduct and abuse; and conditions of confinement. On January 4, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 187 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Louise Trauma Center LLC v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23-cv-02846)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 12, 2022, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a copy of the "Asylum Officer Basic Training Course" from July 1, 2020, through the present. On January 5, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 1,566 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Llamas v. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (21-cv-01169)(2021-HQLI-00041)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on July 19, 2021, seeking records pertaining to emails sent from the DHS press secretary, assistant secretary, office of public affairs, deputy assistant secretary, media operations, deputy assistant secretary, and strategic communications in response to the federal deployment of assets regarding the mass protest and civil unrest related to the death of George Floyd, from May 2020, through August 2020. On January 5, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 4 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(F).
- In the matter of ***Byron Tau v. U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) (21-cv-03329) (2022-HQLI-00018)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 22, 2020, and July 19, 2021, seeking records in the possession of the DHS Office of General Counsel and the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) concerning the use of commercially available data or metadata products, services or databases. On January 5, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 6 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Justice Action Center and Immigrant Defenders Law Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-07592)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 16, 2021, seeking records pertaining to government processes concerning minor children accompanied by a non-parent relative. Plaintiff filed suit on September 22, 2021, claiming injunctive relief. On January 8, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its final response consisting of three pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Austin Sanctuary Network v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-01686)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 26, 2020, seeking records pertaining to current policies, procedures, guidelines, instructions, or other materials concerning when and how civil fines and penalties are

issued. On January 8, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 243 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-104086)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 21, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the implementation of the Nationwide Policy and National Qualified Representative Program (NQRP) by ICE and CBP to provide enhanced procedural protections to certain unrepresented and detained individuals in removal proceedings with serious mental disorders or conditions that may render them incompetent to represent themselves in immigration proceedings. On January 8, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 8 pages and 1 Excel Spreadsheet of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-03511)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 17, 2022, seeking records pertaining to contracts or other agreements from January 20, 2021, to present between ICE Office of Acquisition Management (OAQ) and GEO Group. On January 9, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 777 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Elizabeth Jordan v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02681)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 13, 2023, seeking records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On January 9, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 746 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Electronic Privacy Information Center v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-03071)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 26, 2020, seeking records pertaining to ICE's use of Clearview AI technology and ICE use of facial recognition software. On January 10, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 43 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Project South v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-03205)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 12, 2022, seeking records related to the medical care of women in ICE custody at the Stewart Detention Center (SDC) in Lumpkin, Georgia. On January 10, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the plaintiff 498 pages of records.

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**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On January 11, 2024, **Austin Ayers**, a representative of **American Oversight** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to grants provided to several fire departments in Pennsylvania from 2014 to the present. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00338)
- On January 12, 2024, **Carspm Kessler**, a private individual requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Incident Reports submitted to the U.S. Fire Administration involving lithium-ion battery from January 2020 through the present. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00340)
- On January 15, 2023, **Morgan Yardis**, a representative of **Protect the Public’s Trust** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between several DHS Senior Officials and employees of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics (CREW) from January 20, 2021, through the present. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00619)
- On January 16, 2024, **Owen O’Leary**, a representative of **McGee Media** in Brooklyn, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to traveler and apprehension records for Ruben Blades Bosquez. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-044592)
- On January 16, 2024, **Andy Pierrotti**, a representative of **WANF-TV** in Atlanta, Georgia, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to submissions received by the TSA that were submitted using a QRC code to access a website for the public to input submissions about compliments, request for info, TSA Precheck, Security issue and Complaints from January 1, 2022, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00465)
- On January 16, 2024, **Rachel O’Brien**, a representative of **Open the Books** in Burr Ridge, Illinois, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the number of public records officers that the DHS has budgeted for, and the total budget for said officers. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00598)

### Late Requests:

- On December 12, 2024, **Alec Ferretti**, a private individual in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to employee calendars for Douglas Marr from December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. (Case Number COW 2024-000402)
- On December 12, 2024, **Alec Ferretti**, a private individual in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to employee calendars for Tammy Meckley from September 27, 2023, through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-000403)
- On December 12, 2024, **Alec Ferretti**, a private individual in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to employee calendars for Donna Ring from September 27, 2023, through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2024000404)
- On December 22, 2023, **Monique O. Madan**, a representative of *The Markup* in Miami, Florida, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), their use in the State of Texas as well as their use to combat human smuggling and trafficking from January 1, 2021, through the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-036088)
- On January 10, 2024, **Jason Leopold**, a representative of *BuzzFeed News* in Los Angeles, California, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the ICE FOIA Office phone line being spoofed by scammers who want to collect sensitive information from the public that can then be used to commit financial fraud or identity theft. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-13583)
- On January 10, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to reports or communications on counterfeit electronics produced by the Electronics Center of Excellence and Expertise from 2021 through 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO02024-042261)
- On January 10, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to documents sent by CBP Leadership establishing the Electronics Center of Excellence and Expertise. (Case Number CBP-FO-02024-042265)
- On January 10, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to data on Importers of Record from the Electronics Center of Excellence and Expertise. (Case Number CBP-FO-02024-042269)
- On January 10, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to reports or statistics of eAllegations for trade data regarding electronics from 2021 through 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-02024-042293)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On January 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), issued to **Chris Stanley**, a representative of **Functional Government Initiative (FGI)** in Washington, D.C., a no records response regarding his request for documents and communications from several named CBP employees pertaining to illegal tobacco and vape products concerning either Chinese or Mexican drug cartels. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-034203)
- On January 11, 2023, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jared McBride**, a representative with the **University of California, Los Angeles**, in Sherman Oaks, California, 172 pages of records pertaining to the late Andreas Leleko, a suspected war criminal. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number NRC 2023-383988)
- On January 11, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Nate Jones**, a representative of **The Washington Post** in Washington D.C., 12 pages of records pertaining to formal policies within DHS mentioning the process of managing FOIA requests during the COVID-19 pandemic. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2022-HQFO-00091)
- On January 12, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Andrew Free**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Somerville, Massachusetts, 211 pages of records pertaining to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) training materials as referenced in various reports, as well as FOIA logs from 2021. Portions of this release were withheld according to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number HQ 2022-HQFO-00389)
- On January 12, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), issued to **Russell Brandon**, a representative of **Rest of World**, in New York, New York, a no records response regarding his request for documents pertaining to Tesla's factory development in Northeastern Mexico. (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-069019)
- On January 12, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office will release to **Reed Rubenstein**, a representative of **American First Legal** in Washington D.C. records pertaining to communications between Miles Taylor of Google and any DHS HQ custodian from January 1, 2019, through January 1, 2021. Portions of this request were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number 2022-HQFO-01519)
- On January 17, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), issued to **James LaPorta**, a representative of **The Messenger**, in Reston, Virginia, 11 pages of records pertaining to improvised explosive devices or IEDs on the southwest border of the United States. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-038649)
- On January 17, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) released to **Derek Kravitz**, a representative of **ProPublica**, in New York, New York, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to EB-5 funded projects from 2015 through 2019 to include names of projects, developers, locations, and regional centers. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number COW 2019-500429)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Project on Government Oversight, Inc. v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (19-cv-03372)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 7, 2019, seeking records pertaining to communications between government officials and representatives of Amazon Web Service (AWS) regarding facial recognition technology. On January 11, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 33 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (20-cv-01583)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 16, 2019, seeking records pertaining to efforts toward family reunification and the release of the minor from the DHS custody and/or facilities, as required by the Flores Settlement. On January 11, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 25 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Los Angeles Times Communications LLC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-10911)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 29, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Investigation Closing Reports related to sexual assault, sexual abuse, or harassment allegations at dedicated Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) facilities. On January 11, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 809 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American First Legal Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-02168)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 13, 2021, seeking records pertaining to all “written reports” referred to in the subsection titled “Weekly Reporting of All Enforcement and Removal Actions” in a memorandum from Tae D. Johnson to “All ICE Employees”. On January 12, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Leopold/Buzzfeed v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (18-cv-01523) (2018-HQLI-00033)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 11, 2018, seeking records pertaining to emails sent or received by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Ombudsman Julie Kirchner; meeting notes, minutes and summaries prepared by or for Kirchner including calendar, appointment book, and phone call logs. On January 12, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released the 60<sup>th</sup> interim response, consisting of 171 pages of records to the plaintiff.



- In the matter of ***HIRC. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-12030)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 11, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the locations, dates, and names of individuals arrested related to critical incident weapons discharged over the past five years between FY 2016 and FY 2020. On January 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) re-released 275 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Civil Liberties Union v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01795)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 13, 2023, seeking records pertaining to COVID-19 antiviral drugs from January 1, 2022, to the present. On January 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 40 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***RMIAN v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02359)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 10, 2022, seeking all records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On January 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 261 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***America First Legal Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01896) (2022-HQLI-00044)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on July 5, 2022, seeking records pertaining to political appointees since January 20, 2021. On January 16, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 42 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6 and 7(E).

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
January 18, 2024- January 24, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
January 29, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On January 18, 2024, **Christina Wurm**, a representative of *FOX News*, in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the 10 improvised explosive devices (IEDs) seized by the Secretariat of National Defense (SEDENA) on December 13, 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-045845)
- On January 18, 2024, **Nick Schwellenbach**, a representative of **Project on Government Oversight**, in Charlottesville, Virginia, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the investigations mentioning "Operation Lone Star" or "Mike Banks" or "Michael Banks" or other formulations of his name. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-046262)
- On January 18, 2024, **Mark Javitch**, a representative of *Jewish Lega News, Inc.*, in San Mateo, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to news articles mentioning Hamas crossing the southern border, including quotes from CBP and statistics showing how many border crossings by people on terrorist watch lists have occurred at the southern border within the last three years. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-046369)
- On January 19, 2024, **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of *Inewssource* in San Diego, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the "Record of Environmental Consideration" (REC) for CBP's autonomous surveillance towers. (Case Number CBP-FO- 2024-046814)
- On January 20, 2024, **Stephen Bender**, a private individual requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to expenditures related to the Emergency Food and Shelter Program - Humanitarian (EFSP-H) for Fiscal Year 23. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00360)
- On January 20, 2024, **Stephen Bender**, a private individual requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to expenditures related to the Emergency Food and Shelter Program - Humanitarian (EFSP-H) for Fiscal Year 22. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00361)

- On January 23, 2024, **Colin Farnsworth**, a representative of the **Center for Immigration Studies**, in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to statistics from the southern border for improper entry by individuals who were referred to DOJ for criminal prosecution. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-047882)
- On January 24, 2024, **Kevin Ozebek**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston Massachusetts, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to invoices sent to the Texas U.S. Department of Homeland Security since January 2022, from any organization containing "Catholic Charities" in its name. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00668)

**Late Requests:**

- On January 12, 2024, **Matt Schroeder**, a representative of **Small Arms Survey** in Geneva, Switzerland, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to data on arms, ammunition, parts, and accessories (including conversion devices such as Glock switches) seized by the Asset Forfeiture Unit in 2023. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-14133)
- On January 15, 2024, **Joseph Cox**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to all invoices, purchase orders, contracts, loan agreements, statements of work, procurement documents relating to an awarded contract from January 2020 to the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-14318)
- On January 15, 2024, **Joseph Cox**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to all invoices, purchase orders, contracts, loan agreements, statements of work, procurement documents relating to an awarded contract from January 2020 to the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-14317)
- On January 17, 2024, **Rachel Gale**, a representative of **Stoel Rives LLP** in Portland, Oregon, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to internal and external communications between Customs and Border Protection personnel, agents, federal agencies, Oregon State Officials, and/or local officials and other components of DHS regarding then-purported Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf's visit to Portland, Oregon in July 2020. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-045401)

**III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On January 18, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Jacob Wiener**, a representative of the **Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC)** in Washington, D.C., 10 pages of records pertaining to the e3 Security Plan, Interconnection Service Agreement, Memorandums of Understanding, and other communications about e3 updates after August 17, 2019. Portions of this release were

withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2019-058932)

- On January 18, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), issued to **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of *inewssource* in San Diego, California, a full denial in response to her request for records pertaining to the Office of Professional Responsibility's review or investigation of the death of Jesus Manuel Saldaña Rocha after being involved in a vehicle pursuit with Border Patrol. These records were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(A). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-131856)
- On January 19, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Rachel Santasiero**, a representative of the **National Security Archive** in Washington D.C., 27 pages of records pertaining to reports created for the President concerning DPA program activities outlined under "Defense Production Act Authority and Functions of the FEMA Administrator" on the fema.gov website. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(E). (Case Number 2021-HQFO-01520)
- On January 22, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Lucas Waldron**, a representative of *ProPublica* in New York, New York, 23 pages of records pertaining to incidents tagged as having an evidentiary video that occurred between May 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018, in Kingsville, Texas. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2019-051904)
- On January 22, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), issued to **Dave Hendricks**, a representative of *MuckRock News*, in Somerville, Massachusetts, a no records response to his request for all emails sent or received by CBP Big Bend Sector Chief Patrol Agent Robert L. Boatright from January 1, 2018, to August 28, 2018, relating or referring to Twitter. (Case Number CBP-2018-083303)
- On January 23, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Malcolm Byrne**, a representative of the **National Security Archive** in Washington D.C., 7 pages of records pertaining to reports concerning the Stuxnet virus that occurred in July of 2010. This response is being released in full. (Case Number 2023-NPFO-00183)
- On January 24, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Jake Wiener**, a representative of the **Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC)** in Washington, D.C., 77 pages of records pertaining to emails regarding the location-tracking software BabelStreet/Locate X, beginning with the year 2017. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2022-020605)
- On January 24, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Matthew Drange**, a representative of *Business Insider* in San Francisco, California, 77 pages of records pertaining to emails regarding the location-tracking software BabelStreet/Locate X, beginning with the year 2017. Portions of this release were

withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2020-037997)

- On January 24, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Nick Mirotta**, a representative of *The Washington Post* in Silver Spring, Maryland, 132 pages of records pertaining to the medical services contract between CBP and Loyal Source Government Services, LLC. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 4, 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-139092)
- On January 24, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), released to **Christina Wurm**, a representative of *Fox Business* in Washington, D.C., 11 pages of records pertaining to improvised explosive devices or IEDs on the southwest border of the U.S. and all internal communications regarding the FOX Business / FOX News Media report by journalist Hillary Vaughn. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-045845)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-01171) (2021-HQLI-00032)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 31, 2019, seeking records pertaining to correspondences mentioning Migrant Protection Protocols. On January 18, 2023, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 30 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release were withheld in part pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *Robert F. Kennedy v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-03232) (2024-HQLI-00009)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 7, 2023, seeking records pertaining to correspondences regarding any request for protection made pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3056(a)(7) regarding Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. On January 18, 2023, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 115 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release were withheld in part pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *American Accountability Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-00880) (2022-HQLI-00035)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 27, 2021, seeking records pertaining to email correspondences with or regarding Chip Fulghum, Andrew Lorenzen-Strait, Connie LaRossa, Tony Essalih, Susan Sweat, John Crumbliss, Anthony Lazarski, Cornerstone Government Affairs, Endeavors, Lorenzen-Strait Consulting Services, @cgagroup.com, and @endeavors.org. On January 18, 2023, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(DHS) Privacy Office released 5 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release were withheld in part pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6.

- In the matter of ***Muslims Advocates v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (17-cv-02080) (2018-HQLI-00006)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 27, 2017, seeking records pertaining to the enforcement of waiver provisions for Executive Order 13780. On January 18, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 12 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.
- In the matter of ***Muslim Advocates v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (17-cv-02080) (2018-HQLI-00006)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 5, 2017, seeking records pertaining to the enforcement of the waiver provisions of the “Second Executive Order” which was issued on March 6, 2017. On January 18, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 300 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 300 pages, 10 pages are released in full, and 2 pages are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6.
- In the matter of ***American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) (20-cv-02153)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on October 8, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of CBP personnel to protests, due to the death of George Floyd from May 25, 2020, through October 20, 2020. On January 19, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the twenty-second interim release, consisting of 172 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Al Otro Lado v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)(22-cv-01280)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on May 11, 2022, seeking records pertaining to requests for humanitarian parole at Ports of Entry along the Southern Border from January 1, 2020, through August 23, 2023. On January 19, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the third interim release, consisting of 54 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-104086)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 21, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the implementation of the Nationwide Policy and National Qualified Representative Program (NQRP) by ICE and CBP to provide enhanced procedural protections to certain unrepresented and detained individuals in removal proceedings with serious mental disorders or conditions that may render them incompetent to represent themselves in immigration proceedings. On January 19, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 47 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Ammad Omar; National Public Radio, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-09928)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 27, 2021, seeking records pertaining to “white papers” produced by local ICE field offices regarding additional detention space; communications related to the opening of detention facilities at former prisons; and communications related to the contracting process for detention center operators previously found to be deficient.

On January 19, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 958 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Knight First Amendment Institute v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-03003) (2022-HQLI-00031)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 15, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the report ordered in Section 3 of the Biden Proclamation, as well as any cover letter, transmittal email, or attachments. On January 19, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland (DHS) Privacy Office released 2 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release were withheld in part pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of ***Judicial Watch, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02846) (2024-HQLI-00010)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 31, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the provision of U.S. Secret Service (USSS) protective services to Democratic presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. On January 19, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 104 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of ***CREW v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-02553) (2021-HQLI-00009)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 23, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of federal law enforcement in response to protests for racial justice across the country, in addition to policies that governed federal authorities' treatment of these protesters. On January 19, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 4 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5.
- In the matter of ***Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-05372) (2023-HQLI-00036)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 21, 2022, seeking records pertaining to I&A's intelligence gathering in the wake of the racial justice protests that occurred in the summer of 2020 in Portland, Oregon. On January 19, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 76 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 3, 5, 6, and 7(C).
- In the matter of the ***Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (23-cv-01115)*** plaintiff filed a complaint on April 21, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the use of the CBP One Mobile Application to apply for humanitarian parole. On January 22, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the sixth interim release, consisting of 34 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the ***Immigrant Defense Project v. U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-01153)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 10, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the creation, implementation, or oversight of supervision programs including the Orders of Supervision Program (OSUP) and the Alternative to Detention (ATD) Program, Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) and the



ATD Case Management Pilot Program from December 19, 2019, to the present. On January 22, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 49 pages and 12 Excel Spreadsheets of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California v. U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-04760)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 29, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the treatment of hospitalized detainees. On January 22, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 184 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-03030)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 16, 2021, seeking records pertaining to detainee death reviews. On January 23, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 62 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Haitian Bridge v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08344)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 1, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the federal government's policies, directives, and actions relating to the treatment and processing of migrants in Del Rio in September 2021, and the unlawful expulsion of thousands of such migrants. On January 24, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 740 pages and 140 Excel Spreadsheets of records to the plaintiff.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

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**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
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**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based, and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On January 25, 2024, **Emma Scott**, a representative of *The Wall Street Journal* in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to body-worn camera footage, surveillance footage, and video interviews, related to border crossing events in El Paso, Texas as referenced in CBP news releases regarding misinformed migrants. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-049264)
- On January 25, 2024, **William Marshall**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email correspondence sent to or from Acting CBP Commissioner Troy Miller, Deputy Commissioner Pete Flores, and Chief Operating Officer James McCament regarding the placement of razor wire by Texas authorities. (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-049465)
- On January 25, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to agency communications with @demos.org from January 1, 2021, through January 29, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-049727)
- On January 25, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to written correspondences concerning the designation of the Agency as a voter registration agency, pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00061)
- On January 26, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to marketing materials the agency has created, implemented, or disseminated in support of implementing Executive Order 14019. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00062)
- On January 26, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to FOIA logs, FOIA appeal logs, and Mandatory

Declassification Review logs for the year of 2023; records pertaining to the updated organizational hierarchy chart of the agency. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00064)

- On January 26, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to GLOMAR FOIA responses issued by the agency in 2023. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00065)
- On January 26, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to marketing materials DHS has created, implemented, or disseminated in support of implementing Executive Order 14019, Promoting Access to Voting, from January 1, 2021, through January 29, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-049852)
- On January 26, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to GLOMAR FOIA responses issued by the agency in 2023. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00689)
- On January 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., in Washington, DC, requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to training materials presented to agency employees or contractors between January 1, 2021, and December 2023 mentioning 'DEI', 'Transgender', 'Equity', or 'Pronouns'. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00066)
- On January 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to direct messages sent or received through the agency's official social media accounts from January 1, 2023, to the present. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00067)
- On January 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to administrative policies, instructions, memorandums, guidance, standard operating procedures, or procedural documents mentioning 'transgender', or 'gender affirming', or 'pronoun' and 'usage'. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00068)
- On January 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to a list of all new GS-15 or SES appointees that have entered the agency in the last 7 months. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00069)
- On January 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to the vacancy and occupancy rates of the agency's largest building or headquarters building for the year of 2023; records pertaining to the number of full-time employees (FTE) covered under Agency telework agreements as of January 1, 2024. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00070)

- On January 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC), records pertaining to legal opinions, policies, or authorities' documents created by the agency mentioning 'commercially available information', 'CAI', 'publicly available information', 'PAI', 'advertising technology', or 'adtech'. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00071)
- On January 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to training materials presented to agency employees or contractors between January 1, 2021, and December 2023 mentioning 'DEI', 'Transgender', 'Equity', or 'Pronouns'. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00691)
- On January 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to legal opinions, policies, or authorities' documents created, generated, drafted, or retained by the agency mentioning 'commercially available information', 'CAI', 'publicly available information', 'PAI', 'advertising technology', or 'adtech'. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00696)
- On January 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) or administrative policies mentioning 'DEI', 'Transgender', 'Equity', or 'Pronouns' from January 20, 2021, through January 29, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-050384)
- On January 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to a list of all new GS-15 or SES employees or appointees that entered the agency from July 1, 2023, through January 29, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-050385)
- On January 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the vacancy or occupancy rates of CBP's largest building and the number of full-time employees covered under telework agreements from January 1, 2023, through January 29, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-050389)
- On January 27, 2024, **Elizabeth Taylor**, a representative of the **University of Arizona** in Tucson, Arizona, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to photographs of jaguars detected along the New Mexico or Arizona border from January 1, 2022, through January 29, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-050412)
- On January 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to legal opinions, policies, or authorities' documents created, generated, drafted, or retained by the agency mentioning the following keywords: 'commercially available information', 'CAI', 'publicly available information', 'PAI',

‘advertising technology’, or ‘adtech’. from January 1, 2018, through January 29, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-050485)

- On January 29, 2024, **Jason Hopkins**, a representative of the **Immigration Reform Law Institute** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to Border Patrol body camera footage reflecting any interactions with Texas state law enforcement personnel from January 23, 2024, through January 29, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-050736)
- On January 31, 2024, **Stephen Bender**, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to FEMA disaster funds paid to federally recognized Native American tribes from 2014 through 2023. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00412)
- On February 1, 2024, **Michael Howell**, a representative of **The Heritage Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to the Transportation Services Eligible Reimbursement Spreadsheet. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00413)

#### **Late Requests:**

- On October 31, 2023, **James Holbein**, a representative of the **American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI)** in Burke, Virginia, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the Standard Operating Procedures and policy guidance for CBP staff in the review of the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-014298)
- On January 12, 2024, **Matt Schroeder**, a representative of the **Small Arms Survey** in Geneva, Switzerland, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to data on arms, ammunition, parts, and accessories (including conversion devices such as Glock switches) seized by the Asset Forfeiture Unit in 2023. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-14133)
- On January 15, 2024, **Joseph Cox**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to invoices, purchase orders, contracts, loan agreements, statements of work, and procurement documents relating to an awarded contract, from January 1, 2020, to the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-14318)
- On January 15, 2024, **Joseph Cox**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to invoices, purchase orders, contracts, loan agreements, statements of work, and procurement documents relating to an awarded contract, from January 1, 2020, to the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-14317)
- On January 24, 2024, **Sinduja Rangarajan**, a representative of **Bloomberg News** in Castro Valley, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to denial and approval rates, broken down by officers and

processing centers, for the following immigrant and non-immigrant visas: O-1A, H-1B, EB-1A (I-140 forms). (Case Number COW 2024-000814)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On January 29, 2024, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) released to **Susan Glaser**, a representative of *The Plain Dealer and cleveland.com* in Cleveland, Ohio, 9 pages of records pertaining to a Letter of Investigation issued to the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3 and 6.
- On January 29, 2024, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) released to **Ed Galleck**, a representative of *WJW Fox 8-Cleveland* in Cleveland, Ohio, 9 pages of records pertaining to a Letter of Investigation issued to the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3 and 6.
- On January 30, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Bryant Furlow**, a representative of *Lancet.com News* in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 5 pages of records pertaining to correspondences regarding the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General's involvement in the deployment or detailing of Public Health Service (PHS) and/or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) personnel to ICE and CBP facilities. Portions of this response are being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-01404)
- On January 30, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Andrew Free**, a representative of *Muckrock News* in Boston, Massachusetts, 55 pages of records pertaining to the Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan, Statement of Work and Performance Work Statement outlining the responsibilities Deloitte has accepted concerning the processing of FOIA requests. This response was released in full. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-00552)
- On January 30, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Michael Tan**, a representative of the **ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project** in New York City, New York, 78 Excel spreadsheets pertaining to the number of non-asylum application forms filed between 2008 through July 2020. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number COW 2019-501537)
- On January 30, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Christina Wurm**, a representative of *Fox Business* in Washington, D.C., 11 pages of records pertaining to Tucson Sector alerts in response to improvised explosive devices or IEDs. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-045845)
- On January 31, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Mark Sauter**, a representative of *Need to Share News* in Bethesda, Maryland, a no records

determination in response to his request seeking records pertaining to summaries or statistics on migrant self-inflicted wounds. (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-133138)

- On January 31, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Tim Novak**, a representative of the *Chicago Sun-Times* in Chicago, Illinois, 59 pages of records pertaining to the Wisconsin-Illinois EB5 Regional Center. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, and 6. (Case Number COW 2019-000145)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Immigrant Defense and the Center for Constitutional Rights v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-09920) (2023-HQLI-0008)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to correspondences mentioning “Palladium,” “SUB-zERO,” “50/50 CBP Assist” or the article by Caitlin Dickerson and Zolan Kanno-Youngs named “Border Patrol Will Deploy Elite Tactical Agents to Sanctuary Cities”. On January 25, 2023, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 78 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 78 pages, 5 pages are withheld in full, and 73 pages are released in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C) and 7 (E).
- In the matter of *Louise Trauma Center LLC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02846)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 12, 2022, seeking records pertaining to Asylum HQ Generated training materials provided to field offices from January 1, 2021, through the present. On January 26, 2024, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 734 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. Department of State (DOS) (20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records pertaining to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On January 30, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 444 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-08790)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 5, 2023, seeking records pertaining to reports, recommendations, or memoranda produced by the Department of State (DOS) or DHS relating to the March 1, 2022, resumption of the Iraqi Direct Access Program (DAP). On January 30, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 306 pages of records to the plaintiff.



- In the matter of ***New York Legal Assistance Group v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-05928) (2022-HQLI-00050)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 29, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the authorization of ICE, HSI, or any other DHS personnel in response to protest occurring in New York City. On January 30, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 17 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E).
- In the matter of ***Crabtree v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23-cv-00745)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 19, 2019, seeking records pertaining to adjudicative guidance on Form I-765 applications for Category (C)(10) employment authorization documents. On January 31, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 169 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Immigrant Investor Alliance v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23-cv-00820)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 5, 2022, seeking records pertaining to adjudicating Forms I-526 and I-829 concerning the use of currency swaps or informal value transfers from January 1, 2016, through September 1, 2022. On January 31, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 438 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23-cv-01395)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 5, 2023, seeking records used to establish final agency policy or guidance in effect since January 1, 2016, relating to Requests for Evidence, Notices of Intent Deny, and Department of State's reciprocity table for family-based immigration petitions. On January 31, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 3 spreadsheets and 772 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the ***State of Florida v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-14462)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the impacts of DHS's September 30, 2021, immigration enforcement guidance. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2021, claiming injunctive relief. On January 31, 2023, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its 19<sup>th</sup> interim response consisting of 98 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Immigration Council v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-03314)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 29, 2021, seeking records pertaining to CBP's implementation of the mobile application CBP One. Plaintiff filed suit on December 20, 2021, claiming injunctive relief. On January 31, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its 6<sup>th</sup> interim response consisting of 193 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the ***Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and Al Otro Lado (AOL) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (19-cv-03438)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 31, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the screening,

inspection, or processing of unaccompanied non-citizen children on the Southern border from May 2018 through the present. Plaintiff filed suit on November 15, 2019, claiming injunctive relief. On January 31, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its 40<sup>th</sup> interim response consisting of 3 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *American Immigrant Investor Alliance v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23-cv-03543)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to issues raised in the Government Accountability Office's report on the EB-5 Program. On January 31, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 500 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Heritage Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01770) (2022-HQLI-00039)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on March 23, 2022, seeking records pertaining to an investigation of a CBP incident in or near the Rio Grande River near Del Rio, Texas in September 2021. On January 31, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released the 11<sup>th</sup> interim response, consisting of 69 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *America First Legal Foundation v. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) (22-cv-01255) (2023-HQLI-00004)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 4, 2022, seeking records relating to CISA's Countering Foreign Influence Task Force (CFITF), "Mis-, Dis-, and Malinformation" (MDM) team, policies and directors relating to the 2020 election. On January 31, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 73 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 73 pages, 28 pages were released in full, 13 pages were withheld in full, and 32 pages were released in part pursuant to Exemption 3, 5, 6, and 7 (E).

### **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

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**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On February 1, 2024, **Margot Cleveland**, a private individual, requested from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) records pertaining to Tony Ornato or Bobby Engel concerning the events of January 6, 2020. (Case Number 2024-IGFO-00052)
- On February 1, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the *Center to Advance Security in America* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the use of U.S. Airports to house migrants. (Case Number 2023-TSFO-00571)
- On February 1, 2024, **Margot Cleveland**, a private individual, requested from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) records pertaining to any complaints filed related to the Secret Service's protection of Robert Hunter Biden, also known as Hunter Biden. (Case Number 2024-IGFO-00053)
- On February 2, 2024, **Terry Camp**, a representative of *ABC 12* in Saginaw, Michigan, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the number of people who will be criminally charged, fined, and lose privileges to use TSA pre-check at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport in 2023. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00567)
- On February 2, 2024, **Stephanie Leutert**, a representative of the *University of Texas at Austin* in Austin, Texas, requested from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection records pertaining to Border Patrol rescue beacons located in the Tucson Border Patrol Sector as of February 2, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-053704)
- On February 3, 2024, **Stephen Finan**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection records pertaining to emails sent by Christine Hague, CBP's Chief of E-Commerce and Small Business Branch, referencing "de minimis" or "Section 321" from January 1, 2023, to February 3, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-054241)
- On February 6, 2024, **Alexandra Ulmer**, a representative of *Reuters* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Secret Service records pertaining to Nikki Haley, or a

member of her staff or family, from October 1, 2023, to the present February 6, 2024. (Case Number 20240386)

- On February 6, 2024, **Jason Leopold**, a representative of **Bloomberg News** in New York, New York, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to President Joe Biden’s Executive Order issued on September 20, 2023, which instructed FEMA to designate a federal disaster recovery coordinator to oversee long-term recovery efforts in response to the East Palestine Train Derailment (EPTD). (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00430)
- On February 6, 2024, **William Marshall**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to communications sent to and from several Secret Service officials regarding the provision of USSS protective services to Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley. (Case Number 20240387)
- On February 7, 2024, **Jacob Sagert**, a representative of **America First Policy Institute** in Arlington, Virginia, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the name of every agency office, subcomponent, division, section, or other organizational unit that has as a primary mission promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion; any agency subunits established pursuant to Executive Orders 14035 and 14091. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00786)

#### **Late Requests:**

- On January 31, 2024, **Matthew Petti**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the late Dr. Henry Alfred Kissinger. (Case Number COW 2024-001024)
- On February 4, 2024, **Brad Banias**, a representative of **Banias Law, LLC** in Charleston, South Carolina, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the email history of USCIS Associate Counsel Amanda Saylor related to a case in the Southern District of Florida. (Case Number COW 2024-001133)

### **III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On February 1, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **James Holbein**, a representative of the **American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI)**, in Burke, Virginia, 40 pages of records pertaining to the Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) and policy guidance for CBP staff in the review of the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA). Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-014298)
- On February 1, 2024, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) released to **C.J. Chivers**, a representative of **The New York Times Magazine** in New York, New York, 47 pages of records and 77 audio recordings pertaining to the fatality of a crewmember aboard the

vessel Jersey Pride. Portions of this response were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6 and 7(C). (FOIA Number 2023-CGFO-02297)

- On February 1, 2024, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) released to **Dennis Joyce**, a representative of the **Sierra Club** in Tampa, Florida, 6 pages of records pertaining to a January 17, 2023, incident involving a passenger aboard the Carnival Paradise. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case Number 2023-CGFO-00997)
- On February 2, 2024, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) released to **Ed Palattella**, a representative of *The Erie Times-News* in Erie, Pennsylvania, 22 pages of records pertaining to boarding reports, enforcement reports, and photographs regarding the vessel DORIS-M in 2017. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case Number 2022-CGFO-00262)
- On February 2, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Cyrus Farivar**, a representative of *NBC News* in San Francisco, California, 22 pages of records pertaining to the March 26, 2021, ACLU request regarding materials concerning the government's use of Artificial Intelligence systems. (Case Number 2021-HQFO-00780)
- On February 5, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to **Rebecca Sheff**, a representative of **ACLU of New Mexico** in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 302 pages of records pertaining to the mortality review of Kesley Vial. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C) and 7(E). (Case Number 2023-ICFO-17773)
- On February 5, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Kylie Mohr**, a representative of *High-Country News* in Missoula, Montana, 36 pages of records pertaining to enforcement actions in the Lolo National Forest and Lolo National Forest Quartz campground. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2022-110709)
- On February 5, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Warren**, a representative of the **Institute for Justice** in Arlington, Virginia, 31 pages of records pertaining to claims filed for damage from a suspect encounter. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-134610)
- On February 6, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **David Hendricks** a representative of *KVEO-TV* in McAllen, Texas, a no records determination in response to his request seeking surveillance camera video at the Progresso, Texas Port of Entry on January 26, 2023. (Case number CBP-FO-2023-108355)
- On February 6, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Joseph I. Molyneux**, a private individual in Metairie, Louisiana, an Excel spreadsheet and 473 pages of records pertaining to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival applicants during the Obama Administration. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number COW 2018-000840)

- On February 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Maxx Brooks**, a representative of **American Civil Liberties** in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 12 pages of records pertaining to the last two meetings of the Local Use of Force Review Board (LUFRB) charged with reviewing less-than-lethal use-of-force incidents involving CBP personnel in the state of New Mexico, El Paso County, Texas, or Hudspeth County, Texas. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2022-110709)
- On February 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Michael Ravnitzky**, a representative of **Cornell University** in Silver Spring, Maryland, 2 pages of records pertaining to complaints against CBP officers containing the key terms: illegal search and racial profiling; Muslim; or race; racist and/or devout, filed with CBP’s Office of Professional Responsibility between January 1, 2015, and January 1, 2017. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2023-032915)
- On February 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Mia Cathell**, a representative of **Townhall.com** in Arlington, Virginia, 19 pages of records pertaining to the idea, design, and dissemination of its “National Black History Month, February 2023: Black Resistance” flyer. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-037995)
- On February 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Mark Spencer**, a representative of **Judicial Watch, Inc.** in Washington, D.C., 17 pages of records pertaining to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center’s physical performance requirements and CBP’s physical fitness standards. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-049475)
- On February 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Andrew Free**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Somerville, Massachusetts, 14 pages of records pertaining to the deaths of individuals while in the custody of CBP officers. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2023-083502)
- On February 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Warren**, a representative of the **Institute for Justice** in Arlington, Virginia, 11 pages of records pertaining to a claim for property damaged during law enforcement actions conducted by CBP. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-134610)
- On February 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Dhruv Mehrotra**, a representative of **WIRED** in Beacon, New York, 3 pages of records pertaining to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) claim that a CBP employee used Commercial Telemetry Data (CTD) inappropriately to track coworkers. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2024-002756)
- On February 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), issued to **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of **Inewssource** in San Diego, California, a no records

response pertaining to a Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) for CBP's autonomous surveillance towers. (Case Number CBP-FO- 2024-046814)

- On February 8, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **John Power**, a representative of **Al Jazeera Media Institute** in Doha, Qatar, records pertaining to correspondences sent and received by Robert Silvers, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, between November 18, 2023, and November 26, 2023, that address the firing and subsequent reinstatement of Sam Altman at OpenAI. Portions of this response were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00311)
- On February 8, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Chris Stanley**, a representative of **Functional Government Initiative** in Washington, D.C., 18 pages of records pertaining to the implementation of Executive Order 14043 which relates to the coronavirus vaccination for federal employees. Portions of this response are being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-01352)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of the *Project on Government Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02662)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 28, 2017, seeking records pertaining to the use of force incident reports. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2023, claiming injunctive and declaratory relief. On February 1, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released 290 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Justice and Diversity Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08902)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 15, 2022, seeking records from January 2021 through the present that include the term “Dedicated Docket”. On February 1, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 174 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-03560) (2023-HQLI-00014)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on November 22, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications between any employee of the Cybersecurity and Information Security Agency (CISA) and any representative of the Election Integrity Partnership, regarding the July 9, 2020, meeting between DHS officials and representatives of the Election Partnership. On February 1, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued its fifth interim



response consisting of 125 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.

- In the matter of ***Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-00552) (2023-HQLI-00027)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on November 22, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications between Jen Easterly, Director, Cyber Infrastructure Information Agency (CISA); Christopher Krebs, Former Director, CISA; Matt Masterson, Former CISA Senior Cybersecurity Advisor; and Brian Scully, CISA Senior Cybersecurity Advisor, concerning the CISA facilitated USG-industry meetings. On February 2, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 154 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 3, 5, 6, and 7(E).
- In the matter of ***Transgender Law Center v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-02153)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 19, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the detention of a transgender or intersex person on or after January 1, 2015; records pertaining to training manuals, guides and memoranda used to train ICE employees, DHS employees, or third-party contractors in the administration, regulation, or provision of medical and mental health care of transgender or intersex people in detention. On February 2, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 53 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Lindsay Nash v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-06994)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 7, 2022, seeking records pertaining to guidance for issuing civil and criminal subpoenas and any limitations on the issuance of these subpoenas. On February 2, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 18 pages of records and 1 Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***NWIRP v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01127)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 17, 2023, seeking records pertaining to an incident involving the use of force which occurred on February 1, 2023, at the Northwest Detention Center, also known as the Northwest ICE Processing Center (NWIPC). On February 2, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 11 Video Files to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Project on Government Oversight, Inc. v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (19-cv-03372)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 7, 2019, seeking records pertaining to communications between government officials and representatives of Amazon regarding facial recognition technology. On February 5, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 115 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Austin Sanctuary Network v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-01686)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 26, 2020, seeking records pertaining to how civil fines are issued under the Immigration and Nationality Act. On February 5, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 186 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Los Angeles Times Communications LLC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-10911)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 29, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Investigation Closing Reports related to sexual assault, sexual abuse, or harassment allegations at dedicated Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) facilities. On February 5, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 508 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *State of Tennessee v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-00068)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 23, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the release of ICE detainees in Tennessee from November 1, 2022, to the present. On February 5, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 141 pages and 1 Excel Spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Justice for Immigrant Families v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-00929)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 30, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the scope and scale of detention in the Buffalo Field Office District (BFOD) and records regarding the treatment of people detained at Batavia, including accommodations for disabled people; language access and access to justice; safe release practices; adequacy of medical care; solitary confinement practices; officer misconduct and abuse; and conditions of confinement. On February 7, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 516 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Owners of America, Inc. and Gun Owners Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01617) (2022-HQLI-00038)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 5, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the creation of the Disinformation Governance Board. On February 8, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 35 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Civil Liberties Union v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01721) (2022-HQLI-00040)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on June 15, 2022, seeking records pertaining to radicalization and targeted violence including the role and involvement of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. On February 8, 2023, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 78 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E).

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
February 8, 2024 – February 14, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
February 20, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On February 8, 2024, **Rocio Castaneda**, a representative of **Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project** in Tucson, Arizona, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the in-custody death of an infant while in CBP custody. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-056584)
- On February 8, 2024, **Andrew Free**, a private individual in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to FOIA taskers and the Daily Media FOIA Report relating to in-custody deaths as reported in FOIA case number, CBP-FO-2023-083502. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-057084)
- On February 8, 2024, **Stephanie Leutert**, a representative of the **University of Texas** in Austin, Texas, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to individuals who have died after having contact with CBP employees or on CBP property from 1990 to February 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-057094)
- On February 8, 2024, **Matt Cappetta**, a representative of **MTC** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the speed, maintenance, and any potential hazards associated with Analogic screening machines (CT imaging). (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00605)
- On February 8, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the federal coordination of travel safety standards for undocumented migrants. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-18495)
- On February 8, 2024, **Andrew Becker**, a representative of **Boredom Productions** in Salt Lake City, Utah, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to three separate investigations into human smuggling and trafficking allegations. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-18389)
- On February 9, 2024, **Jessica Hardcastle**, a representative of *The Register* in San Francisco, California, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

(ICE) records pertaining to the ICE-owned application that allows ICE personnel to capture and search biometric information of people they encounter in real-time. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-18697)

- On February 9, 2024, **Dhruv Mehrotra**, a representative of **WIRED** in Beacon, New York, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to website domain names that were criminally seized in a collaborative effort between ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Europol, Interpol, and police agencies from 26 different countries. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-18497)
- On February 12, 2024, **Amy Nile**, a representative of **Billings Gazette** in Billings, Montana, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the fine amounts for 15 guns found inside carry-on luggage at Billings Logan International Airport in 2023 by TSA officers. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00617)
- On February 12, 2024, **Andrew Free**, a private individual in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requestors identified as vexatious, litigious, or burdensome. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-057890)
- On February 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Commissioner Troy A. Miller, for the month of January 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-057915)
- On February 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Acting Deputy Commissioner, Peter R. Flores, for the month of January 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-057918)
- On February 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Chief Operating Officer, Stephanie Talton, for the month of January 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-057919)
- On February 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Deputy Assistant Commissioner, James McCament, for the month of January 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-057923)
- On February 13, 2024, **Ted Hesson**, a representative of **Reuters** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to security protection plans and threats directed at or impacting Alejandro Mayorkas and his immediate family between January 1, 2021, and the present. (Case Number 20240403).

### **Late Requests:**

- On January 30, 2024, **Austin Evers**, a representative of **American Oversight** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to Senior Law Enforcement Liaison Douglas Gilmer from October 1, 2023, through the present. This request was referred to ICE from DHS Privacy. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-19521)
- On February 1, 2024, **Sean Davis**, a representative of **Divergent Media** requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to Joanne Marion Segovia and the importation and distribution of fentanyl between 2017 and 2024. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-19604)
- On February 2, 2024, **Ann Brown**, a representative of the **Center for Biological Diversity** in Portland, Oregon, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the detections of jaguars in Arizona and New Mexico, from October 1, 2023, to present. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-054025)
- On February 7, 2024, **Alyssa Spady**, a representative of **CBS News** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email correspondences and attachments from July 2023 with the subject title “Chinese Heat Map,” and with the following keywords, “attached spreadsheet,” “749 properties,” “Maine,” and “Washington.” (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-056068)
- On February 7, 2024, **Patrick Hauf**, a representative of **Dallas Express** in Alexandria, Virginia, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the number of secretary-granted administrative leave hours recorded for fiscal year 2023 in WebTA. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-056230)

### **III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On February 8, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Sammy Sussman**, a private individual in Bedford Hills, New York, a no records determination pertaining to his request for records of border crossings, secondary screenings, or other interactions with CBP related to deceased individuals Otto Schirn and Yvonne Schirn. (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-098627)
- On February 8, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to **Molly Linhorst**, a representative of the **ACLU of New Jersey** in Newark, New Jersey, 5 pages of records pertaining to the Request For Information (RFI) for possible detention sites in the Newark, New Jersey area issued by ICE on May 30, 2023. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case Number 2024-ICFO-04280)
- On February 9, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Michael Howell**, a representative of **The Heritage Foundation** in Washington, D.C., 25 pages of records pertaining to communications to or from any of

the employees at CRCL regarding any of these terms: “National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin”, “NTASB”, “MDM”, “bulletin”, “mis- dis- and mal-information”, “domestic terrorism branch”, “CP3”, “Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships”, “NSGP”, “HSGP” from November 9, 2021, to February 6, 2022. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number 2022-HQFO-01443)

- On February 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Rogue Planas**, a representative of *HuffPost* in Austin, Texas, 286 pages of records pertaining to outgoing emails sent by Border Patrol employees from January 1, 2017, to the present that contain the keywords: Tonk, Tonks, Tonck, or Toncks. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2024-021600)
- On February 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Joseph Cox**, a representative of *VICE-Motherboard* in Boston, Massachusetts, 22 pages of records pertaining to "Hamas" and/or "Hezbollah," from October 1, 2023, to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-013965)
- On February 12, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Jacqueline DeFusco**, a representative of the **New England Center for Investigative Reporting** in Brookline, Massachusetts, 32 pages of records pertaining to CBP employees convicted of, or charged with, corruption between 2010 and 2018. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2018-055545)
- On February 12, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Elsa Goosen**, a representative of **American Civil Liberties Union-New Mexico** in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a full denial in response to her request for records pertaining to the drafts and implementation of CBP Directive, Emergency Driving Including Vehicular Pursuits by CBP personnel. These records were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 5. (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-098877)
- On February 12, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Andrew Free**, a private individual in Boston, Massachusetts, a no-records determination in response to his request seeking records pertaining to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requestors identified as vexatious, litigious, or burdensome. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-057890)
- On February 13, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Charles Moloney**, a private individual in Stafford, Virginia, 133 pages of records pertaining to the Senior Call email reports that were disseminated by the Communications Watch Officer within the National Operations Center. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2022-HQFO-00266)
- On February 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Levente Szekely**, a private individual in Luxembourg, 28 pages of records pertaining to the number of Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) denial rates broken down by country and year. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(E). (Case number CBP-FO-2023-000417)
- On February 14, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Robert Montoya**, a representative of *Texas Scorecard* in Leander, Texas, 11 pages of records

pertaining to concertina wire on the Texas-Mexico border. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2023-119458)

- On February 14, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Rocio Castaneda**, a representative of **Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project** in Tucson, Arizona, a full denial in response to his request for records pertaining to the investigation of the in-custody death of an infant. These records were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(A). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-056584)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Electronic Privacy Information Center v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-03071)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 26, 2020, seeking records pertaining to ICE's use of Clearview AI technology and facial recognition software. On February 8, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 33 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-03511)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 17, 2022, seeking records pertaining to contracts or other agreements from January 20, 2021, to present between ICE Office of Acquisition Management (OAQ) and GEO Group. On February 9, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the plaintiff 215 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (19-cv-01146) (2020-HQLI-00001)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 20, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the arrival of migrant caravans at the U.S.-Mexican border. On February 9, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 35 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *NWIRP v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01127)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 17, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the incident involving the use of force which occurred on February 1, 2023, at the Northwest Detention Center, also known as the Northwest ICE Processing Center (NWIPC). On February 9, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 13 video files of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Legal Services of New Jersey v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-22222)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 21, 2023, seeking records pertaining to federal government's policies, communications, and



documents dated January 1, 2022 to the present related to the number of people whom ICE has taken into custody in New Jersey, and how they have been detained or transferred between New Jersey facilities and out-of-state facilities. On February 9, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 61 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-03368)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 13, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications and records sent or received by any person in Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) at ICE headquarters regarding the ICE Fiscal Year 2021 Enforcement and Removal Operations Report. On February 12, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 21 pages of records and 3 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *RMIAN v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02359)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 10, 2022, seeking records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On February 12, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 484 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *New Jersey Office of the Public Defender v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-03019)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 15, 2023, seeking records pertaining to Form I-247 issued for individuals detained in the State of New Jersey from October 1, 2021, through the present. On February 12, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 78 pages of records and 2 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (23-cv-01115)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on April 21, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the use of the CBP One Mobile Application to apply for humanitarian parole. On February 12, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the seventh interim release, consisting of 348 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Al Otro Lado v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)(22-cv-01280)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on May 11, 2022, seeking records pertaining to requests for humanitarian parole at Ports of Entry along the Southern Border from January 1, 2020, through August 23, 2023. On February 12, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the fourth interim release, consisting of 42 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)(20-cv-02153)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on October 8, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of CBP personnel to protests, due to the death of George Floyd from May 25, 2020, through October 20, 2020. On February 12, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the twenty-third interim release, consisting of nine pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-02553)*, plaintiff filed FOIA requests on September 11, 2020, seeking records from June 2, 2020, pertaining to the

decision or plans to deploy federal agents to Portland, Oregon and Chicago, Illinois. On February 14, 2023, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 28 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***HIRC. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-12030)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 11, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the names of the people arrested in all critical incidents where weapons were discharged, or firearms used between FY 2016 and FY 2020. On February 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 323 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Elizabeth Jordan v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02681)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 13, 2023, seeking records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On February 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 261 pages of records to the plaintiff.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

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**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
February 15, 2024- February 21, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
February 26, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On February 15, 2024, **Eric Fan**, a representative of *Bloomberg News* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to complaints received via the USCIS Tip Form from 2020 through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-001428)
- On February 15, 2024, **Nick Bauer**, a representative of the **Democratic National Committee** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records released under FOIA case number CBP-FO-2020-079322 seeking emails with the keywords: "tonk," "tonks," "tonck," or "toncks." (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-060359)
- On February 16, 2024, **Peter Booth**, a representative of **American Bridge 21<sup>st</sup> Century**, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email correspondence of Troy A. Miller, Pete R. Flores, James McCament, Stephanie Talton, and Robert "Ben" Andrews with several named members of Congress and Congressional staffers, from January 1, 2022, to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-060940)
- On February 16, 2024, **Jeremy Jong**, a representative of **Al Otro Lado**, in Maywood, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to purchase orders by the Office of Chief Medical Office for fentanyl lollipops, oral transmucosal fentanyl citrate, morphine, and Dilaudin; as well as email communications from Dr. Alexander Eastman containing the keywords "fentanyl", "oral trans mucosal", or "lollipops" sent between February 16, 2019, to the present. (Case Number FO-2024-061005)
- On February 19, 2024, **Jeff Bonomo**, a representative of **Law and Crime Network**, in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to body-worn camera footage of the arrest of United States citizen, Angelda Joseph, for an active warrant out of St. Lucie, Florida on January 17, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-061594)
- On February 19, 2024, **Jeff Bonomo**, a representative of **Law and Crime Network**, in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

records pertaining to body-worn camera footage and reports of the arrest of a Romanian citizen, Loredana Lascan, for felony warrants of credit card fraud, at the Lewiston Bridge in New York on December 15, 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-061603)

- On February 19, 2024, **Jeff Bonomo**, a representative of **Law and Crime Network**, in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to body-worn camera footage and reports regarding the arrest of Tunisian citizen, Monji Jelassi for harassing a female and her children on December 2, 2023, in Perry, New York. (Case Number FO-2024-061636)
- On February 20, 2024, **Sheri Sussman**, a representative of **Spiral Gate Productions** requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to the total number of FEMA certificates that have been issued for "FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Nationally Certified Disaster Canine Search Teams" from 1995 to the present. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00483)
- On February 20, 2024, **Haisten Willis**, a representative of the *Washington Examiner* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to an incident involving Secret Service agents who opened fire on three suspects breaking into an unoccupied government vehicle were guarding Naomi Biden, the granddaughter of President Joe Biden. (Case Number 20240414)

#### **Late Requests:**

- On February 14, 2024, **Theodore Hesson**, a representative of *Reuters* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to maintenance records concerning barriers on the U.S.-Mexico border showing border barrier breaches, damages, and repairs from January 1, 2016, to the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-059635)

### **III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On February 14, 2024, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Michelle Hackman**, a representative of *The Wall Street Journal* in Washington, D.C., 171 pages of records pertaining to the planning of the August 26, 2020, naturalization ceremony at the White House. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 6. (Case Number COW 2020-002456)
- On February 15, 2024, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) released to **Laura Brache**, a representative of *WFAE Radio Station*, in Mooresville, North Carolina, one spreadsheet of records pertaining to statistics on Naturalization data for the state of North Carolina from the USCIS field offices of Charlotte and Raleigh-Durham. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2020-002662)
- On February 15, 2024, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released to **Patrick Terpstra**, a representative of *EW Scripps and Newsy* in Washington, D.C., 1000 pages of records pertaining to reports describing school

conditions in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2020-FEFO-00199)

- On February 15, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protections issued to **Patrick Hauf**, a representative of the *Dallas Express*, in Alexandria, Virginia, a no-records response to his request for records that reflect the number of Secretary granted administrative leave hours recorded in webTA for fiscal year 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-056230)
- On February 16, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Erin McIntyre**, a representative of the *Center for Investigative Reporting (CIR)* in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 265 pages of records pertaining to the 2021 FOIA request case number 21-088, which requested records concerning investigatory casefile documentation and investigatory findings related to allegations of fraternization. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 6 & 7(C). (Case Number 2023-FLETC-FO-00075)
- On February 16, 2024, the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) released to **Nick Penzenstadler**, a representative of *USA Today*, 269 pages of records pertaining to reports of bites, injuries, attacks, or incidents by dogs within the White House or other locations frequented by the president's pets from January 20, 2021, to the present date. Portions of the release were withheld under FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (USSS Case Number 20230758)
- On February 16, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Ian Stevenson**, a private individual, in Washington, D.C., one spreadsheet pertaining to a dataset that links H-2A Form I-129 approvals with the approved case numbers from the Department of Labor for FY 2018 through the present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2021-000723)
- On February 16, 2024, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released to **Eric Geller**, a representative of **Politico** in Arlington, Virginia, 143 pages of records pertaining to email correspondences relating to administrative subpoenas that CISA issues. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 4, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number 2022-NPFO-00174)
- On February 19, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Nick Baur**, a representative of the **National Democratic Committee** in Washington, D.C., 286 pages of records released in response to Request Number CBP-2020-079322. Seeking all outgoing emails or text messages sent by U.S. Border Patrol employees from January 1, 2017, to the present that contain any of the keywords: "tonk," "tonks," "tonck," or "toncks." Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2024-060359)
- On February 20, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Scott Nicol**, a representative of the **Sierra Club** in McAllen, Texas, 928 pages of records pertaining to proposed border fences, walls, and levee walls that are being considered for the Border Patrol Rio Grande Valley Sector from January 1, 2016, through July

25, 2017. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number 2017-075122)

- On February 20, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protections issued to **Andrew Case**, a representative of **Latino Justice PRLDEF**, in New York, New York, a no-records response to his request for documents and records related to the implementation of Texas Senate Bill 602, amending Article 2.122 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to expand CBP's authority of search, seizure, and arrest individuals for violations of Texas state law. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-042850)
- On February 20, 2024, the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) released to **Meryl Kornfield**, a representative of **The Washington Post**, 269 pages of records pertaining to memos written by those assigned to the presidential detail about 37 biting incidents by the president's dogs Commander and Major, as well as assignment changes of agents assigned to that detail since January 1, 2023. Portions of the release were withheld under FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (USSS Case Number 20230909)
- On February 20, 2024, the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) released to **William Marshall**, a representative of **Judicial Watch**, 269 pages of records pertaining to memos written by those assigned to the presidential detail about 37 biting incidents by the president's dogs Commander and Major, as well as assignment changes of agents assigned to that detail since January 1, 2023. Portions of the release were withheld under FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (USSS Case Number 20230910)
- On February 20, 2024, the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) released to **John Greenwald**, a representative of **The Black Vault, Inc.**, 269 pages of records pertaining to biting incidents related to "Commander" – the dog who lives in the White House. Portions of the release were withheld under FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (USSS Case Number 20240012)
- On February 20, 2024, the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) released to **Darren Meritz**, a private individual in San Antonio, Texas, 269 pages of records that detail aggressive behavior or bites by working dogs or any other canines in the custody of the U.S. Secret Service. Portions of the release were withheld under FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (USSS Case Number 20240015)
- On February 21, 2024, the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) released to **Darren Meritz**, a private individual in San Antonio, Texas, 2 pages of records that detail aggressive behavior or bites by working dogs or any other canines in the custody of the U.S. Secret Service. Portions of the release were withheld under FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (USSS Case Number 20240015)
- On February 21, 2024, the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) released to **Camila DeChalus**, a representative of **CNN**, 271 pages of records pertaining to the exact number of incidents involving President Joe Biden's German shepherd, Commander, biting Secret Service personnel and other White House staff, since Biden came into office in 2021. Portions of the release were withheld under FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (USSS Case Number 20240145)

- On February 21, 2024, the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) released to **Meryl Kornfield**, a representative of *The Washington Post*, 2 pages of records pertaining to memos written by those assigned to the presidential detail about 37 biting incidents by the president's dogs Commander and Major, as well as assignment changes of agents assigned to that detail since January 1, 2023. Portions of the release were withheld under FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (USSS Case Number 20230909)

#### **IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals**

- Nothing significant to report.

#### **V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

- Nothing significant to report.

#### **VI. Litigation**

- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, Inc., d/b/a Invest in the USA (IIUSA) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (22-cv-02687)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 18, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications between USCIS and members of Congress that relate to the source of funds or path of funds in the EB-5 program. On February 15, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 753 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02846) (2024-HQLI-00010)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 31, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the provision of U.S. Secret Service (USSS) protective services to Democratic presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. On February 15, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 48 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *Leopold/Buzzfeed v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (18-cv-01523) (2018-HQLI-00033)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 11, 2018, seeking records pertaining to emails sent or received by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Ombudsman Julie Kirchner, including to and from her non-DHS email account; all meeting notes, minutes and summaries prepared by or for Ms. Kirchner; and her calendar, appointment book, and phone call log. On February 15, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released the 61<sup>st</sup> interim response, consisting of 205 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Protect the Public's Trust v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01246) (2022-HQLI-00036)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 22, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the DHS Secretary's meeting requests, travel records, and visitor logs. On February 16, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Privacy Office (DHS) released 59 pages of records to the



plaintiff. Of the 59 pages, 5 pages are released in full, 53 pages are withheld in part, and 1 page is withheld in full, pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6.

- In the matter of *New York Legal Assistance Group v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-05928) (2022-HQLI-00050)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 29, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the authorization of ICE, HSI, or any other DHS personnel in response to protest occurring in New York City. On February 20, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 22 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E).

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

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**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
February 22, 2024- February 28, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
March 4, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

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- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On February 22, 2024, **Nicholas Gilmore**, a representative of *The Santa Fe New Mexican* in Santa Fe, New Mexico, requested from the Federal Protective Service (FPS) records pertaining to an incident of vandalism at the Kit Carson monument outside the federal courthouse in Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 31, 2023. (Case Number 2024-FPFO-00190)
- On February 23, 2024, **Lindsay Steinberg**, a private individual in Arlington, Virginia, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications between CBP Officials and Representative Abigail Spanberger or her staffers Bonnie Krenz, Roscoe Jones, Sam Wojcicki, Rebecca Eichmann, and Maryam Janani-Flores from January 3, 2019, to the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-064356)
- On February 23, 2024, **Christian Casale**, a representative of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* in Sarasota, Florida, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to any proposed or active cooperation between the Sarasota Police Department and CBP from 2014 to the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-064385)
- On February 23, 2024, **Christian Casale**, a representative of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* in Sarasota, Florida, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to any proposed or active cooperation between the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department and U.S. Customs and Border Protection since from 2014 to the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-064394)
- On February 23, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the potential ban of menthol tobacco products from January 20, 2021, through February 26, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-064613)
- On February 23, 2024, **Melissa del Bosque**, a representative of *Lighthouse Reports* in Tucson, Arizona, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

records pertaining to the Border Safety Initiative Tracking System (BSITS) on drowning deaths in the Rio Grande from June 2021 to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-064754)

- On February 26, 2024, **Colton Alder**, a representative of *The Daily Wildcat* in Tucson, Arizona, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to budget documents for the Tucson Sector. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-065377)
- On February 26, 2024, **Nicholas Andritch** a private individual in Fresno, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the number of immigrants entering from the USA-Mexico border from January 20, 2017, to present and records of Border Patrol Agents hurt while on the job along the USA-Mexico border from January 20, 2017, to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-065397)
- On February 26, 2024, **Jared McBride**, a private individual in Sherman Oaks, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the A-File for several deceased individuals. (Case Number ALF 2024-000201)
- On February 27, 2024, **Jessica Blank** a representative of *Prototipe Media* in Austin, Texas, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to Elsa Cuellar Alvarado for the years, 1998, 2001, and 2003, along with all criminal records of her 2013 arrest. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-066222)

**Late Requests:**

- On January 10, 2024, **Alex Calzareth**, a private individual in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the A-File of the late Amalija Knavs. (Case Number ALF 2024-021326)
- On February 1, 2024, **Emma Scott**, a representative of *The Wall Street Journal* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to border and migrant apprehension data for Juarez, Mexico, and El Paso, Texas from January 1, 2023, to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-053041)
- On February 14, 2024, **Jason Hopkins**, a representative of **Immigration Reform Law Institutes** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the number of apprehensions and encounters made by CBP along the New York, Vermont, and Maine borders in 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-059412)
- On February 16, 2024, **Erica Miller**, a representative of *Big 2 News (Nexstar)* in Odessa, Texas, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to Juan Ortiz Perez, also known as Rogelio Ortiz Olivas, who was allegedly involved in a fatal hit-and-run of a 10-year-old child. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-19954)

- On February 20, 2024, **Caitie Occhipinti**, a representative of the **American Bridge 21<sup>st</sup> Century**, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to incoming and outgoing correspondence between select members of CBP and Byron Donalds, Meghan Thompson Perez-Acosta, Alexandria Smith, Christopher J. Ploch, Luke Deil, and Ryan Donnelly, from January 1, 2022, to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-062309)
- On February 21, 2024, **Sophie Dalsimer**, a representative of the **New York Lawyers for Public Interest** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the currently operable or most recent contracts and/or Inter-Governmental Service Agreements between Orange County Correctional Facility (OCCF) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the detention and care of noncitizens. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-20623)
- On February 21, 2024, **Anna-Catherine Brigida**, a representative of the **Houston Landing** in Houston, Texas, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to deportations, removals, or removal flights to Venezuela from August 1, 2023, through the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-20583)
- On February 21, 2024, **Amy Godshall**, a representative of the **ACLU** in Miami, Florida, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to a use of force incident involving an ICE detainee at Baker County. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-20675)
- On February 21, 2024, **Amy Godshall**, a representative of the **ACLU** in Miami, Florida, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to surveillance video and body-worn camera footage related to a use of force incident involving an ICE detainee at Baker County. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-20679)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On February 22, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Thomas Volscho**, a representative of **ABC News** in West Orange, New Jersey, 258 pages of records pertaining to Jeffrey Edward Epstein. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to the FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-087583)
- On February 22, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Andrew Free**, a private individual in Boston, Massachusetts, 8 pages of records pertaining to the tasking and reporting of FOIA request CBP-FO-2023-083502. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-057084)
- On February 22, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Adam Federman**, a private individual in Cornwall, Vermont, 34 pages of records pertaining to incursion reports filed in the Tucson and Yuma sectors between January 1, 2010,

and December 31, 2014. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2022-003027)

- On February 22, 2024, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) released to **Stephanie Steiger**, a representative of *WSB-TV*, in Atlanta, Georgia, a one-page record pertaining to an eleven-year-old child who went through the main security checkpoint without a boarding pass at Hartsfield International Airport on November 16, 2018. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2019-TSFO-00067)
- On February 22, 2024, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) released to **Aaron West**, a private individual in Portland, Oregon, 14 pages of records pertaining to firearms that TSA agents discovered in a jar of peanut butter at baggage screening at JFK Airport in 2022. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3 and 6. (Case Number 2023-TSFO-00242)
- On February 23, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Alex Calzareth**, a private individual, in New York, New York, 165 pages of records pertaining to the A-File for the late Amalija Knavs. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number ALF 2024-021326)
- On February 23, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Tina Vasquez**, a representative of *The Counter* in Winston Salem, North Carolina, one spreadsheet pertaining to H2-A visa approval and denials based on country of origin from January 1, 2011, through June 23, 2021. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. (Case Number COW 2021-002378)
- On February 23, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Greg Morton**, a representative of *ProPublica* in New York, New York, one spreadsheet pertaining to P-1 visa files by specific companies from 2004 through the present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2021-002888)
- On February 23, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Chris Nelson**, a representative of *Judicial Watch* in Washington, D.C., 56 pages of records pertaining to an awarded contract for legal services to Debevoise and Plimpton, LLC signed on January 26, 2023. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 4 and 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-01056)
- On February 26, 2024, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) released to **Rasheed Shabazz**, a representative of *Oakland Voices*, in Oakland, California, 8 pages of records pertaining to the number of firearms detected at Oakland, San Francisco, and San Jose Airports between the years 2013-2022. These records were released in full. (Case Number 2023-TSFO-01170)
- On February 26, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., 301 pages of records pertaining to the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) Form 202 (Conflict of

Interest Referral) generated within or by the agency or submitted to OGE from January 1, 2021, to the present. Portions of this release were withheld in full pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3,5,6 and 7(C). (Case Number 2023-FLETC-FO-00196)

- On February 26, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Yael Grauer**, a representative of *MuckRock News* in Somerville, Massachusetts, 304 pages of records pertaining to autopsy reports, significant incident reports, emails related to deaths at the southwest border. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2016-024895)
- On February 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Cassandra Dunn**, a private individual from Florence, Colorado, records pertaining to the SF-61 and Appointment Affidavit that include the Oath of Office for Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. This record is being released in full. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-01991)
- On February 27, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Virginia Allen**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., 3 pages of records pertaining to the countries listed in the “other” category when designating the country of origin for single adults encountered at the U.S. southern border in the Del Rio Sector in FY 2022. These records were released in full. (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-034249)
- On February 27, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Kate Plummer**, a representative of *Newsweek* in London, England, one spreadsheet pertaining to the number of people who have applied to sponsor under the United for Ukraine scheme but have been rejected due to failing the vetting process; and how many people have applied for the scheme but have been rejected in total since it began, as well as the number of people who have entered the U.S. through the scheme. (Case Number OPQ 2023-0000036)
- On February 28, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Owen O’Leary**, a representative of *McGee Media* in Brooklyn, New York, 2 pages of records pertaining to Ruben Blades Bosquez. These records were released in full. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-044952)
- On February 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office, released to **John Greenwald**, a representative of *The Black Vault* in Castaic, California, 124 pages of records pertaining to Records Management Self-Assessment (RMSA) reports submitted to NARA from 2018 to 2021. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-01571)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

## VI. Litigation

- In the matter of ***Kenneth White v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (20-cv-01679)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 22, 2020, seeking records pertaining to H-1B training materials, guidance, and memoranda. On February 22, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 5,022 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-01171) (2021-HQLI-00032)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 31, 2019, seeking records exchanged with the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City regarding Migrant Protection Protocols. On February 22, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 36 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 36 pages, 6 pages are released in full, 29 pages are withheld in full, and 1 page is withheld in part pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of ***Federation for American Immigration Reform v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-03136) (2024-HQLI-00012)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 26, 2023, seeking records pertaining to DHS initiatives that identify and returns previously deported non-citizens that were announced July 2, 2021. On February 23, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 13 pages of records to plaintiff. Of the 13 pages, 9 pages are released in full, and 4 pages are being withheld pursuant to 5.
- In the matter of ***American Center for Law and Justice v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01657) (2022-HQLI-00041)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 29, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the establishment of the Disinformation Governance Board revealed by Secretary Mayorkas at the congressional hearing on April 27, 2022. On February 23, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 407 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 407 pages, 111 pages are released in full, 240 pages are withheld in full, and 56 pages are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, and 7(E).
- In the matter of ***Judicial Watch, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)(23-cv-01855) (2023-HQLI-00037)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on June 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to communications between the National Biosurveillance Integration Center (NBIC) and several employees of DHS Office of Health Affairs related to a request for information (RFIs) sent to EcoHealth Alliance. On February 23, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued a final response consisting of 65 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6 7(C), and 7(E).
- In the matter of ***Functional Government Initiative (FGI) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-02737)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 8, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the implementation of the Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act of 2018 from January 1, 2020, through September 15, 2022. Plaintiff filed suit on September 15, 2022, claiming



injunctive relief. On February 24, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its sixth interim response, consisting of 170 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Haitian Bridge Alliance v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08344) (2023-HQLI-00001)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the treatment of the 15,000 Haitian migrants in Del Rio, Texas in September 2021, including efforts to provide food, water, clothing, housing and medical care to migrants; actions to determine whether migrants should be removed or expelled; and coordination between law enforcement agencies and with other countries. On February 25, 2022, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 283 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6.
- In the matter of ***Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-03560) (2023-HQLI-00014)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on November 22, 2022, seeking records pertaining to interactions between DHS, the Election Integrity Partnership, the Cybersecurity and Information Security Agency (CISA) and any employee or representative of the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public and/or Stanford University's Internet Observatory regarding the Election Integrity Partnership. On February 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 307 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of ***American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) (23-cv-01395)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to email communications sent to @fairus.org, @irli.org, @cis.org, @numbersusa, @theremembranceproject.org, @vdar.com, @heritage.org, kkobach@gmail.com, and kris@kriskobach.com. Plaintiff filed suit on May 17, 2023, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief. On February 26, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released 3 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Immigration Council v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (18-cv-01531)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 3, 2018, requesting records pertaining to the processing and treatment of noncitizen families who arrive at the border, particularly the U.S.-Mexico border. On February 26, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 368 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***The Brennan Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-05372)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 27, 2023, seeking records that relate to, describe, or discuss the following programs: Domestic Mantis Program or Domestic Mantis Initiative (DM; Forbidden Secrets; Project Campus Sentinel (PCS); Project Steady Stare (PS2); and Stella Sunrise Project (SSP). On February 27, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 162 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Civil Liberties Union v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-03204)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 20, 2020, seeking records pertaining to Mortality Reviews created by the Immigrant Health

Service Corps (IHSC) regarding the death of Anthony Jones also known as Henry Missick. On February 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 50 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Noelle Llamas and Ken Klippenstein v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (21-cv-01169)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 1, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of law enforcement assets by ICE from May 25, 2020, to August 15, 2020. On February 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 528 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Adam Malik v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-00698)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 8, 2021, seeking records pertaining to Adam Malik. On February 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 86 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-03344)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 29, 2023, seeking records pertaining to Carlos Roberto Rodriguez Guerra. On February 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 48 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-04760)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 29, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the treatment of hospitalized detainees and detainees released from custody before their death. On February 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 16 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-07038)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 7, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the use of third-party providers for social media monitoring operations. On February 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 496 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Amet Abbas Selman v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-03234)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 7, 2023, seeking records pertaining to Amet Abbas Selman. On February 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 11 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Justice Action Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-06982)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 30, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program including policies, guidance, correspondence, emails, reports, and data. On February 28, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 1,537 pages of records to the plaintiff.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
February 29, 2024- March 6, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
March 11, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On February 29, 2024, **Theresa Hoang**, a representative of **George Mason University Schar School of Policy and Government** in Fairfax, Virginia, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to fentanyl trafficking, as well as CBP’s use of Artificial Intelligence for detection of illicit drugs. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-067125)
- On February 29, 2024, **Sean Dunagan**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communication between CBP and the Executive Office of the President and/ or the Biden for President reelection campaign regarding President Biden’s visit to the U.S.-Mexico border area on February 29, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-067365)
- On February 29, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Commissioner Troy A. Miller, for the month of February 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-067944)
- On February 29, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Acting Deputy Commissioner, Peter R. Flores, for the month of February 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-067945)
- On February 29, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Deputy Assistant Commissioner, James McCament, for the month of February 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-067946)
- On February 29, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences

and a calendar export from Chief Operating Officer, Stephanie Talton, for the month of February 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-067947)

- On February 29, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to images or videos of Fentanyl seizures taken by Border Patrol during the month of February 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-067963)
- On February 29, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the number of encounters between Border Patrol officers, agents, or contractors and Iranian, Venezuelan, North Korean, or Chinese nationals for February 2024. (CBP-FO-2024-067965)
- On February 29, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications between the Chief FOIA Officer, and any officers, employees, or contractors within the agency's FOIA office mentioning, 'Heritage', 'Heritage Foundation', 'Mike Howell', 'Kevin Roberts', 'Roman Jankowski', or 'Colin Aamot' from January 1, 2023, to February 29, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-067980)
- On February 29, 2024, **Jaelynn Grisso**, a representative of **Cascade PBS**, in Seattle, Washington, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to digital copies of all radio recordings made between September 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, for the ship DAYNA S. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01213)
- On February 29, 2024, **Aaron Siri**, a representative of **Siri & Glimstad LLP**, in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to “chaff”, a radar countermeasure, that was dispersed near Air Station Clearwater Coast Guard Base from January 1, 2022, through the present. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01180)
- On March 1, 2024, **Kenneth Rosen**, a private individual, in Houston, Texas, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the "Basic Operations Orders" documents for the USGC STRATTON’s Bering Sea SAR Guard deployment which began in January 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01215)
- On March 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual from Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to finalized strategic plans for implementing Executive Order 14019 and documents submitted to Susan Rice or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) relating to implementation of EO 14019. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01218)
- On March 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to finalized strategic plans for implementing Executive Order 14019, or related plan documents that were submitted to Susan Rice or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-068019)
- On March 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers

- (FLETC) records pertaining to finalized strategic plans for implementing Executive Order 14019, or related plan documents that were submitted to Susan Rice or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00089)
- On March 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to TSA Administrator David Pekoske's calendar entries, flight logs, and congressional correspondence from February 1, 2024, to February 29, 2024. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00730)
  - On March 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to communications between the Chief FOIA Officer, and any employees within the agency's FOIA office mentioning, 'Heritage', 'Heritage Foundation', 'Mike Howell', 'Kevin Roberts', 'Roman Jankowski', or 'Colin Aamot'. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00731)
  - On March 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to all finalized strategic plans for implementing Executive Order 14019, or related plan documents that were submitted to Susan Rice or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) relating to the implementation of Executive Order 14019. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00732)
  - On March 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of the **Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Protective Service (FPS) records pertaining to all finalized strategic plans for implementing Executive Order 14019, or related plan documents that were submitted to Susan Rice or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) relating to the implementation of Executive Order 14019. (Case Number 2024-FPFO-00197)
  - On March 3, 2024, **Michael Howell**, a representative of **The Heritage Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to Federal Security Director Mark Lendvay and staff emails regarding healthcare and immigrants from Chicago O'Hare International Airport. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00742)
  - On March 3, 2024, **Jeremy Jong**, a representative of **Al Otro Lado** in Maywood, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to requests by noncitizens, attorneys, or USCIS for parole or issuance of correct documentation pursuant to the Cuban Adjustment Act. (CBP-FO-2024-069356)
  - On March 4, 2024, **Peter Hirschfeld** a private individual in Gainesville, Florida requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to administrative costs incurred by FEMA while deployed to Vermont between October 10, 2023, and March 4, 2024, in support of a natural disaster. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00537)
  - On March 4, 2024, **Dianna Hunt**, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to a list of FEMA disaster funds

paid to federally recognized Native American tribes from 2014 through 2023. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00550)

- On March 5, 2024, **Vega Lord-Ramses**, a representative of *De Primera Mano* in Las Vegas, Nevada, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to verification of the named individual's current employment status, including the title of his position and his badge number. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00748)
- On March 6, 2024, **Morgan Yardis** a representative of **Protect the Public's Trust** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to the names and titles of all U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials who represent, and attend meetings, at the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP). (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00560)

### **Late Requests:**

- On October 20, 2023, **Adam Marshall**, a representative of the *Reporters Committee* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to FOIA determination letters sent to requesters in fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 that fully deny those requests. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-009187)
- On October 25, 2023, **Justin Blount**, a private individual in West Hollywood, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to travel records and investigative reports from 1982 to 1999 for deceased individual, David Blessing. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-011691)
- On December 4, 2023, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **America First Legal** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to correspondences between CBP leadership, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and Department of State (DOS) regarding family-immigrant visas. (CBP-FO-2024-027989)
- On December 7, 2023, **Caitie Occhicpinti**, a representative of **American Bridge 21<sup>st</sup> Century** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to correspondences between Troy A. Miller, Pete R. Flores, James McCament, Stephanie Talton, and Robert "Ben" and several House of Representative staffers, from January 1, 2019, to February 29, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-029972)
- On February 21, 2024, **Anne Marshall-Chalamers**, a representative of *The War Horse News*, in Richlands, North Carolina, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to court martial documents from the Coast Guard Criminal Appeals Court, containing terms like "indecent act," "conduct unbecoming," and "sodomy" for the years 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, and 2000. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01221)
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- On February 28, 2024, **Mark Javitch**, a representative of *Jewish Legal News*, in San Mateo, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to “special interest aliens”, to include country of origin, and terrorist group affiliation, from March 1, 2021, through the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-066859)
- On February 28, 2024, **Luke Barr**, a representative of *ABC News* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications between Alejandro Mayorkas, Jason Owens, Jonathan Meyer, Troy Miller and Peter Flores regarding Texas Governor Greg Abbott’s actions along the Southwest border from January 1, 2024, through February 28, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-066882)
- On February 28, 2024, **Nik Hatziefstathiou**, a representative of *At Night Media*, in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to interactions between Longwood Gardens and CBP from August 31, 2023, through October 1, 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-067112)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On February 29, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Greg Morton**, a representative of *ProPublica* in Mitchellville, Maryland, 3 spreadsheets pertaining to Form I-129 receipt files with P-1 visa status for specified petitioner firm names from January 1, 2002, through January 1, 2007, and from August 12, 2016, through the present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2021-003184)
- On February 29, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Tracey McManus**, a representative of the *Tampa Bay Times* in Tampa Bay, Florida, one spreadsheet pertaining to all I-129 receipt files with R-1 visa status from April 1, 2017, through the present, involving the "Church of Scientology." Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2021-005047)
- On February 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Emma Scott**, a representative of *The Wall Street Journal* in New York, New York, 78 pages of records pertaining to a CBP news release regarding misinformed migrants at the International BSI 36 marker location in El Paso Texas. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-049264)
- On March 1, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Adam Turner**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., 11 pages of records pertaining to information concerning the aggregate numbers for migrants apprehended at the Southern border related to COVID-19 vaccinations. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-01443)



- On March 1, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no-records final response to his request for records pertaining to finalized strategic plans for implementing Executive Order 14019, or related plan documents that were submitted to Susan Rice or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00089)
- On March 4, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released to **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., 23 pages of records and one Excel sheet pertaining to monthly occupancy or vacancy rates for the agency's five largest buildings (measured by square footage) from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2022; records pertaining to agencies telework policies or directives that were in place due to COVID-19 between January 1, 2020, and April 1, 2023. Portions of this response are being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-0234)
- On March 5, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Mikko Matti Marttinen**, a private individual in Helsinki, Finland, 196 pages of records pertaining to the A-File for the late Tony Christian Halme. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number ALF 2024-000084)
- On March 6, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., 177 pages of records pertaining to the number of employees included in any labor contracts, agreements, or memorandums of understanding (MOU's). Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00024)
- On March 6, 2024, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) released to **Sebastian Monroe** a representative of *Redwood Voice Youth Media* in Crescent City, California, 36 pages of records pertaining to the diesel spill cleanup by USCG Sector Humboldt Bay from February 24, 2023, to March 8, 2023. Portions of this release is withheld pursuant to Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (FOIA Number 2023-CGFO-01173)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. Department of State (DOS) (20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records pertaining to Temporary Protected Status from

January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On February 29, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 142 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***American Immigrant Investor Alliance v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23 -cv-00820)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 5, 2022, seeking records pertaining to adjudicating Forms I-526 and I-829 concerning the use of currency swaps or informal value transfers from January 1, 2016, to September 1, 2022. On February 29, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 148 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Immigrant Investor Alliance v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23 -cv-03543)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to issues raised in the Government Accountability Office's March 28, 2023, report on the EB-5 Program. On February 29, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 500 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Patrick Eddington v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (18-cv-01185)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 28, 2015, seeking records pertaining to confrontations with persons at internal CBP checkpoints operated to conduct immigration inspections. Plaintiff filed suit claiming injunctive relief. On February 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released 208 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the ***State of Florida v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-14462)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the impacts of DHS's September 30, 2021, immigration enforcement guidance. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2021, claiming injunctive relief. On February 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its 20th interim response consisting of 257 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-00552) (2023-HQLI-00027)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 12, 2022, seeking records regarding CISA senior officials' meetings on election security with the private sector and Election Infrastructure council groups. On February 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 81 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(E).
- In the matter of ***Center to Advance Security in America v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01934) (2022-HQLI-00049)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on July 5, 2022, seeking records created in the development, approval process, and final decision to change the mission and name of the reorganized Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3); Records related to the January 6th Capital riot; Records that contain a list of non-profit organizations, social media and technology companies, cultural organizations, or other community organizations that have applied or received federal funds in any form since January 21, 2021, as part of a CP3 Partnership. On February 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(DHS) Privacy Office released 42 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.

- In the matter of *America First Policy Institute v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01039) (2024-HQLI-00006)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 22, 2021, seeking records pertaining to e-mail communication between officers or employees of the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) that were either sent to or received from individuals at Facebook, Google or Twitter between January 20, 2021, through the present. On February 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 289 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *America First Legal Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-1948) (2023-HQLI-00045)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on March 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the Department of Justice (DOJ) communications about Hunter Biden. On February 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released the third interim response, consisting of 21 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Protect the Public's Trust v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01246) (2022-HQLI-00036)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 22, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the DHS Secretary's meeting requests, travel records, and visitor logs. On March 1, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 4 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of the release are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6 and 7(E).
- In the matter of the *Project on Government Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02662)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 28, 2017, seeking records pertaining to the use of force incident reports. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2023, claiming injunctive and declaratory relief. On March 1, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its first interim response, consisting of 766 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23-cv-03491)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to reports, memoranda, or analyses created or modified from January 1, 2015, through the present, regarding the population of Special Immigrant Juvenile applicants or the Special Immigrant Juvenile program. On March 1, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released one Excel Spreadsheet of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23-cv-03491)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to reports, memoranda, or analyses created or modified from January 1, 2015, through the present, regarding the population of Special Immigrant Juvenile applicants or the Special Immigrant Juvenile program. On March 1, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 324 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics v. U.S Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-02553) (Case Number 2021-HQLI-00009)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on September 11, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the decision to deploy federal law enforcement agents, officers, or other personnel in response to the ongoing protests over racial justice and any DHS law enforcement policies for handling protesters. On March 5, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released 50 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number 2021-HQLI-00009)

### **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

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**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

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**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
March 7, 2024, to March 13, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
March 18, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On March 8, 2024, **Mica Rosenberg**, a representative of *Reuters* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Public Affairs records pertaining to emails from January 1, 2024, to March 11, 2024, concerning the breakdown of encounters at the U.S.-Mexico border for Fiscal Year 2023 by nationality/citizenship with the keywords “nationality,” “encounter,” or “FY23.” (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-071566)
- On March 10, 2024, **Matthew Petti**, a representative of *MuckRock* in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to traveler records for the deceased individual, Mohammad Taghi Mesbah-Yazdi. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-072437)
- On March 11, 2024, **Philip Florenzo**, a representative **Florenzo Law, LLC**, in Mount Airy, Maryland, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to CBP’s policies and procedures related to the enforcement of the U.S. Forced Labor Protection Act and any training materials or documents provided to CBP personnel regarding U.S. Forced Labor Protection Act enforcement between June FY 2022 and February FY 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-072705)
- On March 11, 2024, **Emerald Tse**, a representative of the *Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law (Privacy Center) and the International Justice Clinic at the University of California Irvine School of Law* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records reflecting the agency’s understanding and/or interpretation of its obligations under the ICCPR, including those related to the April 2014 (CCPR/C/USA/CO/4) and December 2023 (CCPR/C/USA/CO/5) Concluding Observations adopted by the UN Human Rights Committee. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-24109)
- On March 12, 2024, **Siobhan Standaert**, a representative of **Good Jobs First** in Boise, Idaho, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to penalties for violations of the Jones Act. (CBP-FO-2024-073297)

- On March 12, 2024, **Julienne McClure**, a representative of the **Project on Government Oversight**, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to aerial monitoring or surveillance of several listed Israel-Hamas demonstrations from October 28, 2023, to November 19, 2023; as well as communications between CBP and local or state governments requesting support from CBP Air and Marine Operations for the same demonstrations. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-073317)

**Late Requests:**

- On March 6, 2024, **Kirsti Jespersen**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to a marine traffic prohibition for the Tioga Marine Terminal on or around October 13, 2023, and any communications between CBP and White House Staff concerning the use of the Port of Philadelphia on October 13, 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-070093)
- On March 6, 2024, **Matthew Petti**, a representative of **MuckRock** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to traveler records for the deceased individual, Erik van Sabben. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-070821)

**III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On March 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protections issued to **Kirsti Jespersen**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., a no-records response to her request for records regarding a marine traffic prohibition for the Tioga Marine Terminal on or around October 13, 2023, and any communications between CBP and White House Staff concerning the use of the Port of Philadelphia on October 13, 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-070093)
- On March 7, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Chris Stanley**, a representative of **Functional Government Initiative** in Washington, D.C., 4 pages of records pertaining to the drafting, implementation, or enforcement of the contract provisions for vaccination of the employees of contractors and subcontractors developed pursuant to the Executive Order 14042. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-01844)
- On March 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Theodore Hesson**, a representative of **Reuters** in Washington, D.C., a one-page record pertaining to the maintenance and repair of barriers on the U.S- Mexico border that were breached or otherwise damaged from FY 2016 to the present. This page was released in full. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-059635)
- On March 8, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Morgan Yardis**, a representative of **Protect the Public's Trust** in Washington, D.C., 85 pages of records pertaining to gifts and estimated dollar amounts

that were accepted, declined, or donated by the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and all Assistant Secretaries, including the name and professional affiliation of the person giving the gift. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number 2022-HQFO-01198)

- On March 8, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office will release to **Michael Ding**, a representative of **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., 3 pages of records pertaining to communications between DHS senior officials and Imran Ahmed from January 20, 2021, through the present. Portions of this response are being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-02156)
- On March 8, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Cecilia Kane**, a representative of **Colliers** in Washington, D.C., 7 pages of records pertaining to DHS's response to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability's letter, dated May 18, 2023, requesting documents and information on the agency's level of telework, how the agency has tracked its impact on performance, and what that impact has been. These records were released in full. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-01814)
- On March 11, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Michael Ravnitzky**, a private individual from Silver Spring, Maryland, 80 pages of records pertaining to a digital copy of each photo in the communications office at DHS HQ taken by DHS of President Trump visiting DHS HQ, or interacting with DHS leadership or staff members, or otherwise engaging with the agency from January 20, 2017 through January 20, 2021. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-00308)
- On March 11, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) issued a no records final response to his request for GLOMAR FOIA responses issued by the agency from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00065)
- On March 12, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office will release to **Jacob Sagert**, a representative of **America First Policy Institute** in Washington, D.C., 126 pages of records pertaining to email communications regarding Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) training sessions from January 21, 2021, to the present. Portions of this response are being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-02322)
- On March 12, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Warren**, a representative of the **Institute for Justice** in Arlington, Virginia, 25 pages of records pertaining to a tort claim. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-134610)
- On March 12, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Caitie Occhipinti**, a representative of **American Bridge 21st Century** in Washington, D.C., a no records response to her request for correspondence between Byron Donalds, Meghan

Thompson Perez-Acosta, Alexandria Smith, Christopher J. Ploch, Luke Deil, and Ryan Donnelly, from January 1, 2022, to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-062309)

- On March 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Ann Brown**, a representative of the **Center for Biological Diversity** in Portland, Oregon, 73 pages of records pertaining to emails that mention and/or reference the lighting and lighting infrastructure associated with the U.S. – Mexico border wall on the southern border. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2023-073190)
- On March 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Emily Bregel**, a representative of **Arizona Daily Star** in Tucson, Arizona, 27 pages of records pertaining to email communications regarding the closure of the Lukeville, Arizona Port of Entry. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-030427)
- On March 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to **Andrew Free**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, 12 pages of records pertaining to medical treatment by civilly detained immigrants at ICDC from January 20, 2017, through the present. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case Number 2024-ICAP-00141)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Immigration Council v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (21-cv-01642)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 21, 2021, seeking records pertaining to CBP's Corporate Data Dictionary, including standard terms and definitions used in CBP data and a list of all CBP databases. On March 7, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel Spreadsheet of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) (21-cv-02800) (2022-HQLI-00009)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on October 21, 2021, seeking records pertaining to email communications sent or received by former agency officials on January 6, 2021, related to the events at the U.S. Capitol. On March 7, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 7 pages of records returned from consultation which are being withheld in part pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C).
- In the matter of *Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-03511)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 17, 2022, seeking records pertaining to contracts or other agreements from January 20, 2021, to present between ICE Office of Acquisition Management (OAQ) and



GEO Group. On March 7, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 755 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *NWIRP v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01127)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 17, 2023, seeking records pertaining to an incident involving the use of force which occurred on February 1, 2023, at the Northwest Detention Center, also known as the Northwest ICE Processing Center (NWIPC). On March 8, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 23 video records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Project on Government Oversight, Inc. v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (19-cv-03372)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 7, 2019, seeking records pertaining to communications between government officials and representatives of Amazon regarding facial recognition technology. On March 11, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 82 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American First Legal Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-02168)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 13, 2021, seeking records pertaining to “written reports” referred to in the subsection titled “Weekly Reporting of All Enforcement and Removal Actions” in a memorandum from Tae D. Johnson to “All ICE Employees”. On March 11, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet of records to the plaintiff 2.
- In the matter of *American Immigration Council v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (21-cv-03314)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 29, 2021, seeking records pertaining to CBP's implementation of the mobile application CBP One. Plaintiff filed suit on December 20, 2021, claiming injunctive relief. On March 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its seventh interim response consisting of 63 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Electronic Privacy Information Center v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-03071)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 26, 2020, seeking records pertaining to ICE's use of Clearview AI technology and ICE's use of facial recognition software. On March 12, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 4 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-01171) (2021-HQLI-00032)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 31, 2019, seeking records exchanged with the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City regarding Migrant Protection Protocols. On March 12, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 74 pages of records to the plaintiff. 47 pages are released in full; 27 pages are withheld in part pursuant 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *HIRC. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-12030)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 11, 2020, seeking records pertaining to critical incident weapons discharged over the past five years between

FY 2016 and FY 2020. On March 13, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 317 pages of records to the plaintiff.

### **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

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- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On March 14, 2024, **Christine Spolar**, a representative of *KFF Health News* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to data concerning civil actions and fine totals for Pittsburgh Airport from 2018 through 2022. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00795)
- On March 15, 2024, **Morgan Yardis**, a representative of **Protect the Public's Trust** in Washington, D.C., requested the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to communications between DHS senior officials regarding the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP). (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00590)
- On March 15, 2024, **Chris Kirkham**, a representative of *Reuters* in Los Angeles, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to data on drawback claims filed from January 1, 2018, to March 14, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-075499)
- On March 16, 2024, **Camila DeChalus**, a representative of *CNN* in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to migrants living in outdoor camps located near the U.S. southern border, to include allegations of poor living conditions. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-075820)
- On March 18, 2024, **Jeff Arnold**, a representative of *NewsNation* in Chicago, Illinois, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to written communication between U.S Border Patrol Agents that include the words, “Tonk” and “Tonc” from 2018 to 2022. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-076160)
- On March 18, 2024, **Andrew Fels**, a representative of **Al Otro Lado** in San Diego, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the investigation into Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Alexander Eastman, including communications between Dr. Eastman, Deloitte employees, and Elaine Duke, former Deputy Secretary of Department of Homeland Security (DHS). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-076332)

- On March 18, 2024, **Jenny Buchholz**, a representative of *Fox News* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the arrest of Basel Bassel Ebbadi. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-076536)
- On March 19, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications between CBP and various email domains including @demos.org, @aapd.com, and @aclu.org mentioning the words “election,” “election integrity,” “executive order,” “14019,” “VRA,” or “voter registration” from January 1, 2021 to March 19, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-076675)
- On March 19, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to communications and meeting invites between employees of DHS and several email domains mentioning “election”, “election integrity”, “executive order”, “14019”, “VRA”, or “voter registration”. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00812)
- On March 19, 2024, **Wills Robinson**, a representative of *MailOnline* in Kensington, London, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to a video of an incident involving President Joe Biden’s dog Commander and a Secret Service agent on the White House Kennedy Garden on June 15, 2023. (Case Number 20240570)

**Late Requests:**

- On February 22, 2024, **Matt Schroeder**, a representative of **Small Arms Survey** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to outbound firearms seizures destined for Ukraine from January 1, 2016, to February 22, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-063583)
- On March 6, 2024, **Andrew Free**, a representative of *Detention Kills Transparency Initiative* in Atlanta, Georgia, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the total number of naloxone or narcain administrations by GEO Care providers or GEO security staff at the Moshannon Valley ICE Processing Center in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, from April 2022, to March 6, 2024. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-23604)
- On March 7, 2024, **Henry Duke of Sussex**, a private individual, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining a copy of Form I-130 for Henry Duke of Sussex. (Case Number NRC 2024-131915)
- On March 11, 2024, **Michael Hur**, a representative of **Northwest Immigrants Rights Project** in Seattle, Washington, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the use of prosecutorial discretion in removal proceedings that have been issued by/within the Seattle Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) Field Office and that are currently in effect. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-24213)
- On March 12, 2024, **Andrew Kent**, a private individual in Elizabeth, New Jersey, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to written

communications and agreements between the Secret Service and Representatives of the Congressional January 6 Committee regarding the restriction of public disclosure of testimony given to the committee by Secret Service personnel. (Case Number USSS 20240549)

- On March 13, 2024, **Patrick Wingrove**, a representative of *Reuters* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the Interpol Orange Notice related to counterfeit Ozempic that was sent to ICE's National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center unit. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-24678)
- On March 13, 2024, **Benjamin Feuerherd**, a representative of the *New York Post* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the helicopter crash in Texas that killed a Border Patrol Agent and two National Guardsmen on March 10, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-073767)
- On March 13, 2024, **Austin Kocher**, a representative of *Syracuse University* in Syracuse, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to case-by-case anonymized digital records on Border Patrol apprehensions, under Title 8 or Title 42, from January 20, 2021, to February 29, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-074306)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On March 7, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Matthew Petti**, a representative of *MuckRock News*, in Boston, Massachusetts, 49 pages of records pertaining to the Alien File for the late Dr. Henry Alfred Kissinger. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2024-001962)
- On March 12, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Tim Henderson**, a representative of *Stateline* in Silver Spring, Maryland, one spreadsheet pertaining to statistical information about I-134 forms filed to date under Uniting for Ukraine program. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number COW 2022-002953)
- On March 12, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Julie Axelrod**, a representative of *Center for Immigration Studies* in Washington, D.C., one spreadsheet pertaining to the total number of applications that entered the H-1B visa lottery in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 and 2022. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. (Case Number COW 2022-003005)
- On March 12, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Sarah Betancourt**, a representative of *GBH News/Boston Public Radio* in Boston, Massachusetts, one spreadsheet pertaining to approved I-914 and I-91 applications for each state. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 5, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number COW 2022-003236)
- On March 12, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Paige Tortorelli**, a representative of *CNBC* in Chicago, Illinois, one spreadsheet

pertaining to Temporary Protection Status applications submitted to the department from August 1, 2021, through the present. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number COW 2022-003556)

- On March 13, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Sarah Betancourt**, a representative of **GBH News/Boston Public Radio** in Boston, Massachusetts, one spreadsheet pertaining to applications for T-visas in Massachusetts, from 2017 to 2021. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2022-003298)
- On March 13, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Hannah Dreier**, a representative of *The New York Times* in Washington, D.C., one spreadsheet pertaining to T-visa applications for principal human trafficking applicants since January 1, 2012. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number COW 2022-003578)
- On March 15, 2024, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) released to **Sarah Harbison**, a representative of the **Pelican Institute for Public Policy** in New Orleans, Louisiana, 25 pages of records pertaining to river pilot licenses memos and application forms. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-CGFO-00737)
- On March 19, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Austin Evers**, a representative of **American Oversight** in Washington, D.C., 8,070 pages of records pertaining to communications between Federation for American Immigration Reform, Immigration Reform Law Institute, Center for Immigration Studies, The Remembrance Project, Heritage Foundation, and USCIS custodians Kathy Nuebel Kovarik, Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, and Robert Law. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW-2019-500459)
- On March 19, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Sharvari Dalal-Dheini**, a representative of **American Immigration Lawyers Association** in Washington, D.C., two spreadsheets and 4,930 pages of records pertaining to the issuance of Notices of Intent to Revoke (NOIR) approved Forms I-129, Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker and/or I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker; and/or the revocation of approved Forms I-129 and I-140 from January 2015 to present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number NRC 2019-007521)
- On March 20, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Lauren Dillon**, a representative of the **Democratic National Committee (DNC)** in Washington, D.C., 61 pages of records pertaining to email communications by any USCIS staff concerning the rule to increase the number of H-2B visas in Maine and Alaska; communications that contain any of the following words or phrases in the subject, body text, or attachments: “Innkeepers”, “Fisheries”, “Fishery”, “Murkowski”, and “Collins”. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 6. (Case Number NRC 2018-044899)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of State (DOS) (23-cv-01236)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request November 21, 2022, seeking records pertaining to refugee resettlement case management systems. On March 13, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 241 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *HIRC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-12030)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 11, 2020, seeking records pertaining to critical incident weapons discharged from FY 2016 and FY 2020. On March 13, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 317 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-02015) (2022-HQLI-00047)* plaintiff filed a complaint on May 5, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the formation of the Disinformation Governance Board. On March 14, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 139 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 139 pages, 53 pages are withheld in full, and 86 pages are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (24-cv-000003) (2024-HQLI-00015)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2023, seeking records pertaining to communications that mention “judicial watch” or “Tom Fitton” from January 1, 2019, through the present. On March 15, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 8 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Leopold/Buzzfeed v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (18-cv-01523) (2018-HQLI-00033)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 11, 2018, seeking records pertaining to emails sent or received by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Ombudsman Julie Kirchner, including to and from her non-DHS email account; all meeting notes, minutes and summaries prepared by or for Ms. Kirchner; and her calendar, appointment book, and phone call log. On March 15, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released the 62<sup>nd</sup> interim response, consisting of 138 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Austin Sanctuary Network v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-01686)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 26, 2020, seeking records pertaining to when and how civil fines and penalties are issued.

On March 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 3 spreadsheets and 212 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *American Civil Liberties Union v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01795)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 13, 2023, seeking records pertaining to COVID-19 antiviral drugs from January 1, 2022, to present. On March 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 6 excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Crabtree v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23-cv-00745)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 19, 2019, seeking records pertaining to adjudicative guidance on Form I-765 applications for employment authorization documents. On March 15, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 177 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (22-cv-02089)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 21, 2021, seeking records pertaining to naturalization civics test and barriers to legal immigration. On March 15, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 12 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Investors Association, Inc., d/b/a Invest in the USA (IIUSA) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (22 -cv-02687)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 18, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications exchanged between USCIS and members of congress (or their staff) regarding the source of funds or path funds issued in the EB-5 program. On March 15, 2023, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released the final release of 560 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Al Otro Lado v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (22-cv-01280)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on May 11, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the sharing of data collected in various DHS programs with other government agencies and foreign governments. On March 18, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the first interim release, consisting of 145 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) (20-cv-02153)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on October 8, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of CBP personnel to protests, due to the death of George Floyd from May 25, 2020, through October 20, 2020. On March 19, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the twenty-fourth interim release, consisting of 60 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *America First Legal Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01948) (2023-HQLI-00045)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on March 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications that contain the words “Hunter” or “Hunter Biden.” On March 19, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released the third interim response, consisting of 17 pages of records to the plaintiff.



- In the matter of *The Brennan Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-05372)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to various interrelated security and intelligence programs, including expanded watchlisting regimes, legal justifications for intelligence activities, research security programs, and exploitation of electronic devices. On March 19, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 39 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (24-cv-00119)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 26, 2023, and October 11, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the number of people encountered by CBP at the southern border, from May 12, 2023, through the present. On March 19, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 2 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Los Angeles Times Communications LLC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-10911)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 29, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Investigation Closing Reports related to sexual assault, sexual abuse, or harassment allegations at dedicated Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) facilities. On March 20, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 654 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *RMIAN v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02359)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 10, 2022, seeking records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On March 20, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1,571 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Elizabeth Jordan v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02681)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 13, 2023, seeking records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On March 20, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 2,055 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02846) (2024-HQLI-00010)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 31, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the provision of USSS protective services to Democratic presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. On March 20, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 68 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5,6, and 7(C).

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
March 28, 2024- April 3, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
April 8, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On March 26, 2024, **Pilar Melendez**, a representative of *The Daily Beast* in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the audio of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse and crash that led to a 911 call and a Mayday on March 26, 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01439)
- On March 26, 2024, **Chiara Eisner**, a representative of *NPR* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the vessel inspections September 13, 2023, of the vessel DALI in Staten Island, New York. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01440)
- On March 26, 2024, **Rosie Cima**, a representative of *Scripps News* in Atlanta, Georgia, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to an incident that involved the vessel BLUE NAGOYA and the Francis Scott Key Bridge at the Outer Baltimore Harbor Crossing on August 29, 1980. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01441)
- On March 26, 2024, **Jared Kofsky**, a representative of *ABC News* in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to event involving the vessel BLUE NAGOYA and the Francis Scott Key Bridge, also known as the Outer Baltimore Harbor Crossing on December 9, 1980; messages between the USCG and the vessel DALI in March 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01442)
- On March 26, 2024, **Paul Murphy**, a representative of *CNN* in Atlanta, Georgia, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to footage from USCG's vessels and personnel answering to the DALI structure failure and bridge collapse in Baltimore, Maryland on March 26, 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01443)
- On March 26, 2024, **Paul Murphy**, a representative of *CNN* in Atlanta, Georgia, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to radio transmission records from boat traffic from the Port of Baltimore on March 26, 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01444)

- On March 26, 2024, **Paul Murphy**, a representative of *CNN* in Atlanta, Georgia, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the inspection records for the vessel DALI from September 2023 through the present. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01445)
- On March 26, 2024, **Dan Noyes**, a representative of *ABC7 News* in San Francisco, California, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to a copy of the USCG report on MISLE incident activity that involved the docking of the RUBY PRINCESS in San Francisco on July 6, 2023. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01403)
- On March 27, 2024, **Gregory Morton**, a representative of *The Baltimore Banner* in Baltimore Maryland, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to inspection records submitted by the vessel DALI between January 1, 2024, and March 30, 2024 (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01437)
- On March 27, 2024, **Susan Carroll**, a representative of *NBC News Digital* in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to maintenance performed on the DALI vessel since January 1, 2023. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01434)
- On March 27, 2024, **Susan Carroll**, a representative of *NBC News Digital* in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to an audio recording that was conducted on Channel 16 traffic related to the DALI vessel from 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. on March 26, 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01435)
- On March 27, 2024, **Susan Carroll**, a representative of *NBC News Digital* in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to Form 2692 for the DALI cargo ship involved in the March 26, 2024, bridge collapse. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01436)
- On March 28, 2024, **Joyce Lee**, a representative of *The Washington Post* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the electronic Notification Arrival and Departure form from January 1, 2015, to February 1, 2024, provided by the vessel DALI. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01413)
- On March 28, 2024, **Joyce Lee**, a representative of *The Washington Post* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the electronic Notification Arrival and Departure form for the vessel DALI. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01404)
- On March 28, 2024, **Caitlin Thompson**, a representative of *NPR* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to audio recordings of conversations made to the USCG in Baltimore, Maryland on March 26, 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01432)
- On March 29, 2024, **Darcy Costello**, a representative of *The Baltimore Sun* in Baltimore, Maryland, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the USCG inspection, citation, deficiency reports of the vessel DALI, from 2010 through the present. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01422)

- On March 29, 2024, **Darcy Costello**, a representative of *The Baltimore Sun* in Baltimore, Maryland, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to USCG's tracking devices showing the route of the vessel DALI on March 26, 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01421)
- On March 29, 2024, **Darcy Costello**, a representative of *The Baltimore Sun* in Baltimore, Maryland, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to VHF radio transmissions, and any transcripts, involving the DALI vessel from midnight through 2 a.m. on March 26, 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01420)
- On March 29, 2024, **Joyce Lee**, a representative of *The Washington Post* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the vessel DALI reefer container records from February 1, 2024, to March 27, 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01418)
- On March 29, 2024, **Kate Cimini**, a representative of *The News-Press / Naples Daily News* in Naples, Florida requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to reports written by FEMA employees or contractors during, before or after the CRS audits of communities in Lee and Collier counties between September 2022 and March 29, 2024, particularly any reports that note "a large amount of unpermitted work, lack of documentation, and failure to properly monitor activity in special flood hazard areas, including substantial damage compliance." (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00636)
- On March 31, 2024, **Joseph Cox**, a representative of *Muckrock News* in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to an awarded contract to Anduril for autonomous surveillance towers from January 1, 2019, to the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-082841)
- On March 31, 2024, **Joseph Cox**, a representative of *Muckrock News* in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to an awarded contract to Orbital Insight, Inc., a provider of geospatial analytics and location intelligence services from January 1, 2020, to the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-082844)
- On April 1, 2024, **Joyce Lee**, a representative of *The Washington Post* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the bunker delivery papers and refueling certificates from the vessel DALI. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01429)
- On April 1, 2024, **Mike Baker**, a private individual, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to a copy of USCG's investigation into the 1980 accident of the BLUE NAGOYA striking the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01428)
- On April 3, 2024, **Aaron Siri**, a representative of **Siri & Glimstad LLP** in New York, New York, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to recurring threat briefings sent or shared with private

sector partners, from August 1, 2021, through the present. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00647)

- On April 4, 2024, **Michael Howell** a representative of *The Heritage Foundation* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to communications between DHS and several private agencies containing the terms ‘14019’, ‘executive order’, ‘Promoting Access to Voting’, ‘get out the vote’, ‘GOTV’, ‘PAC’, ‘election integrity’, ‘VRA’, ‘NVRA’, or ‘expanding access’ from January 20, 2021, to the present. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00646)

**Late Requests:**

- Nothing significant to report.

**III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On March 28, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Lindsay**, a representative of the **Society for American Archaeology** in Washington, D.C., 209 pages of records pertaining to the cultural resources review and management plan for the construction of the border wall along and within the boundaries of the Organ Pipe National Monument. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2020-045955)
- On March 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Walter Shaub**, a representative of **Project on Government Oversight (POGO)** in Washington, D.C., 13 pages of records pertaining to authorizations issued to senior political appointees. Portions of this release are being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-00064)
- On March 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Nick Penzenstadler**, a representative of **USA Today** in Mclean, Virginia, a 1-page record pertaining to applications downloaded on the government issued phone used by Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. It will be released in full (Case Number 2023-HQFO-00489)
- On March 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Todd Feathers**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, 5 pages of records pertaining to Investment Review Board (IRB) presentations for TechStat reviews conducted by DHS. Portions of this response are being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00535)
- On March 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Eric Geller**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., 2 pages of records pertaining to the 2022 Q3 reports, and associated correspondence submitted by agencies to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) pursuant to Executive Order 14028, which requires agencies to submit progress reports

documenting their adoption of multi-factor authentication and encryption. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7(E).

- On March 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Sean Dunagan**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, 2 pages of records pertaining to communications from officials or employees from DHS and any officer or employee of the Center for Countering Digital. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-02192)
- On April 1, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Luke Barr**, a representative of **ABC News** in Washington, D.C., a no records response to his request for any communications between Alejandro Mayorkas, Jason Owens, and other senior executives about Texas Governor Greg Abbott's actions along the southwest border from January 1, 2024, to February 28, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-066882)
- On April 2, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Eric Tucker**, a representative of **The Associated Press** in New York, New York, 4 pages of records pertaining to advisory records maintained by the Water and Wastewater Sector of CISA that correspond to each reported cyberattack in the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021. All pages are released in full. (Case Number 2021-NPFO-00051)
- On April 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Warren**, a representative of the **Institute for Justice** in Arlington, Virginia, 56 pages of records pertaining to tort claims. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-134610)
- On April 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of **inewssource** in San Diego, California, 28 pages of records pertaining to I-95 forms submitted to the San Diego Office of Chief Counsel from January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-007025)
- On April 3, 2024, The Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released a no-records final response to **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., regarding his request for records pertaining to contracts or grants referred for investigation, review, inquiry, or Office of the Inspector General (OIG) scrutiny due to potential, alleged, or confirmed fraud, waste, or abuse (FWA) from 2017 to the present. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00199)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

## VI. Litigation

- In the matter of the *State of Florida v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-14462)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the impacts of DHS's September 30, 2021, immigration enforcement guidance. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2021, claiming injunctive relief. On March 28, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its twenty-first interim response consisting of 126 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Center for Constitutional Rights v. Department of Defense (DOD) (23-cv-07689) (2023-HQLI-00047)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on August 30, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the operation of third-country sites used to process refugees. On March 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 108 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *Justice for Immigrant Families v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-00929)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 30, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the scope and scale of detention in the Buffalo Field Office District (BFOD) and records regarding the treatment of people detained at Batavia, including accommodations for disabled people. On March 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 511 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *CREW v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-02553)* plaintiff filed a complaint on September 11, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the actual or planned deployment of federal law enforcement in response to protests for racial justice across the country, in addition to policies that governed federal authorities' treatment of these protesters. On March 28, 2024, the Federal Protective Service (FPS) released 18 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6 and 7(C).
- In the matter of *Ahmed Elsayed Ibrahim Mohamed v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01448)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 13, 2022, seeking records pertaining to Ahmed Elsayed Ibrahim Mohamed. On March 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 4 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-01583)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 16, 2019, seeking records pertaining to efforts toward family reunification and the release of the minor from DHS custody and/or facilities, as required by Paragraph 18 of the *Flores* Settlement. On March 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 371 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *America First Legal Foundation v. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) (22-cv-01255) (2023-HQLI-00004)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 21, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the Office of Intelligence and Analysis' intelligence gathering in the wake of the racial justice protests that occurred in the summer of 2020 in Portland, Oregon. On March 29,



2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 27 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Citizens United v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-02019) (2022-HQLI-00057)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 4, 2022, seeking records pertaining to correspondence between various DHS senior officials, including the Executive Office of the President, members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, regarding the Disinformation Governance Board and the individuals nominated and/or appointed. On March 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 149 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 149 pages, one page is released in full, 93 pages are withheld in part, and 55 pages are withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, and 7(C).
- In the matter of ***Black Alliance v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-06239)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 10, 2021, seeking records pertaining to ICE's use of force, solitary confinement, access to medical treatment, and other conditions that impact Black immigrants in ICE detention. On March 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 774 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Immigrant Legal Resource Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-09208)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 14, 2021, pertaining to weekly reports ICE field offices are required to provide to the Office of the Director, the Office of the Deputy Director, and the Office of Policy and Planning (OPP) pursuant to the Johnson memorandum. On March 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Ammad Omar; National Public Radio, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-09928)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 27, 2021, seeking records pertaining to documents produced or maintained by the agency relating to its detention facility contracts. On March 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 248 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the ***Immigrant Defense Project v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-01153)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 10, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the creation, implementation, or oversight of supervision programs including the Orders of Supervision Program (OSUP) and the Alternative to Detention (ATD) Program, Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) and the ATD Case Management Pilot Program from December 19, 2019, to the present. On March 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the plaintiff 2 pages of records and 1 Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***AIC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-02250)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the current Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA) that services the Detention Facility; records regarding detainees received at the Detention Facility from September 1, 2021, through the present. On March 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration

and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 821 pages of records and 197 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Haitian Bridge v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08344)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 1, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the federal government’s policies, directives, and actions relating to the treatment and processing of migrants in Del Rio in September 2021, and the unlawful expulsion of thousands of such migrants. On March 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 18 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Justice and Diversity Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), (22-cv-08902)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 15, 2022, seeking records that include the term “Dedicated Docket,” except any case information relating to an individual noncitizen and any database information. On March 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 73 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01498)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 4, 2022, requesting all records issued by Acting ICE Director Tae Johnson on or about June 7, 2021, and titled “REMINDER: Detention Policy Where an Immigration Judge has Granted Asylum, Withholding of Removal, or Convention Against Torture Protection, and DHS has appealed”. On March 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 12 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-10479)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 24, 2021, seeking records pertaining to humanitarian parole applications and adjudication in the State of Arizona, from January 1, 2016, to the present. Plaintiff filed suit on March 2, 2023, to compel U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to release records. On March 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its second interim release consisting of 273 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the ***Project on Government Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02662)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 28, 2017, seeking records pertaining to the use of force incident reports. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2023, claiming injunctive and declaratory relief. On April 1, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its first interim response, consisting of 762 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Al Otro Lado v. U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01525)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to agency FOIA logs for the period of October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2021. On April 1, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 905 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of (23-cv-08344) (2023-HQLI-00001) plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the treatment of the 15,000 Haitian migrants in Del Rio, Texas in September 2021, including efforts to provide food,

water, clothing, housing and medical care to migrants; actions to determine whether migrants should be removed or expelled; and coordination between law enforcement agencies and with other countries. On April 1, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 243 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Project on Government Oversight, Inc., v. U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) (19-cv-03372)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 7, 2019, seeking records pertaining to communications between government officials and representatives of Amazon regarding facial recognition technology. On April 2, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 105 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the ***Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and Al Otro Lado (AOL) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (19-cv-03438)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 31, 2019, seeking records pertaining to communications relating to the screening, inspection, or processing of unaccompanied non-citizen children on the Southern border from May 2018 through the present. Plaintiff filed suit on November 15, 2019, claiming injunctive relief. On April 2, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border (CBP) issued its 42<sup>nd</sup> interim response consisting of 121 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Immigration Council v. U.S. Customs and Border (CBP) (21-cv-01642)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 21, 2021, seeking records pertaining to ICE's databases. On April 2, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Noelle Llamas and Ken Klippenstein v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (21-cv-01169)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 1, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of law enforcement assets by ICE during May 25, 2020, to August 15, 2020. On April 2, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 658 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Susan B. Long v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-02655)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 27, 2021, contained in the current version of each of the following two databases: the Enforcement Integrated Database (EID) and the ICE Integrated Decision Support Database (IIDS). On April 3, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

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**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
April 4,2024-April 10,2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
April 15, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On April 4, 2024, **Mike Howell**, a representative of *The Heritage Foundation* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to communications between DHS and several organizations containing the terms ‘14019’, ‘executive order’, ‘Promoting Access to Voting’, ‘get out the vote’, ‘GOTV’, ‘vote# within 5 words of regist#’, ‘vote# within 5 words of turnout’, ‘vote# mobilization’, ‘PAC’, ‘election integrity’, ‘VRA’, ‘NVRA’, or ‘expanding access’ from January 20, 2021, through the present. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00107)
- On, April 4, 2024, **Mike Howell**, a representative of *The Heritage Foundation* in Washington, D.C, requested from the Federal Protection Service (FPS) records pertaining to communications between DHS and several organizations containing the terms ‘14019’, ‘executive order’, ‘Promoting Access to Voting’, ‘get out the vote’, ‘GOTV’, ‘vote# within 5 words of regist#’, ‘vote# within 5 words of turnout’, ‘vote# mobilization’, ‘PAC’, ‘election integrity’, ‘VRA’, ‘NVRA’, or ‘expanding access’ from January 20, 2021, through the present. (Case Number 2024-FPFO-00253)
- On April 4, 2024, **Ian Duncan**, a representative of *The Washington Post* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the convening order for the Marine Board of Investigation for the DALI incident in Baltimore, Maryland. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01513)
- On April 4, 2024, **Nick Penzenstadler**, a representative of *ABC News* in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the USCG boarding, inspections, or in-person interactions, related to risk matrix analysis of the cargo vessel DALI as it entered U.S. ports from January 1, 2023, to April 1, 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01473)
- On April 5, 2024, **Carlos Anchondo**, a representative of *Energywire E&E News* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records created or possessed by the National Response Center that relate to or discuss an incident on April 3, 2024, in/near Sulphur, Louisiana, of a leak from a carbon dioxide pipeline/pump station incident on April 3, 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01522)

- On April 5, 2024, **Rob Davis**, a representative of *ProPublica* in Portland, Oregon, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the details of all denied shipments under the Uyghur Forced Labor Protection Act from December 2021 until April 5, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-086632)
- On April 7, 2024, **Matt Kennicott**, a representative of *The Plug* in Socorro, New Mexico, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to seizures of cannabis and cannabis-derived products at CBP checkpoints in southern New Mexico from Jan 1, 2024 -April 7, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-086968)
- On April 8, 2024, **Andrew Silver**, a representative of *Thomson Reuters* in London, United Kingdom, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to pharmaceutical goods seized under the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA) from June 21, 2022, through the present. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-086993)
- On April 8, 2024, **Jason Leopold**, a representative of *Bloomberg News* in Beverly Hills, California, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to images and videos former President Donald Trump posted on his social media platform Truth Social on March 29, 2024, that depicted President Joe Biden with hands and feet tied. (USSS Case Number 20240658)
- On April 9, 2024, **Rob Kuznia**, a representative of *CNN* in Minneapolis, Minnesota, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to memos released since January 1, 2020, regarding illegal marijuana cultivation sites operated by Chinese Nationals. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-087675)
- On April 9, 2024, **Byron Tau**, a representative of *Allbritton Journalism Institute* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to an awarded contract between CBP and Weathered Security, LLC to include the statement of work. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-087720)
- On April 10, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to email communications and calendar entries for Deputy Assistant Secretary, Counterterrorism and Threat Prevention from March 2024. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01181)
- On April 10, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to email communications and calendar entries for Senior Counselor to the Under Secretary for Policy, Jason D. Mayer from March 2024. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01180)
- On April 10, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to email communications and calendar entries for Senior Advisor, Jared E. Lang, from March 2024 to the present. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01186)

### **Late Requests:**

- On March 22, 2024, **Anthony Enriquez**, a representative of the **Haitian Bridge Alliance** in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the treatment of the 15,000 Haitian migrants in Del Rio, Texas in September 2021. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01499)
- On March 23, 2024, **Jared Kofsky**, a representative of **ABC News** in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to communications, reports, memos, videos, and audio files obtained or possessed by the USCG and the vessel DALI from March 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01486)
- On March 26, 2024, **Susan Edelman**, a representative of the **New York Post** in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the June 17, 2022, investigation into a deadly incident between a private fishing boat and an New York fireboat. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01484)
- On March 26, 2024, **Jon Schuppe**, a representative of **NBC News** in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to an incident involving the vessel APL QINGDAO in the Kill Van Kull waterway in New York and New Jersey. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01517)
- On April 3, 2024, **Patrick Terpstra**, a representative of the **Scripps News Network** in Atlanta, Georgia, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the DALI cargo ship striking the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland from March 26, 2023, through the present. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01469)
- On April 3, 2024, **Alex Mann**, a representative of **The Baltimore Sun** in Baltimore, Maryland, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the USCG inspections of the vessel M/V DALI, IMO from April 1, 2023, to the present. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01470)

### **III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On April 4, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **John Greenwald**, a representative of **The Black Vault** in Castaic, California, 3 pages of records pertaining to the Federal Aviation Administration's failure to notify Capitol Police about a parachute stunt at a nearby baseball stadium that led to an alert and urgent evacuation of the U.S. Capitol. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6 and 7(E). (Case Number 2023-HQFO-00228)
- On April 5, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of **inewssource** in San Diego, California, 4 pages of records pertaining to tort claim forms submitted to the San Diego Office of Chief Counsel from January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-007025)
- On April 5, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal**, in Washington, D.C., a full denial regarding his request for video or photos of fentanyl seizures taken by Border Patrol February 1 -

29, 2024. The records were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(A). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-067963)

- On April 8, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Chris Kirkham**, a representative of *Reuters*, in Los Angeles, California, a one-page record pertaining to drawback claims filed for January 1, 2018, through March 14, 2024. This record was released in full. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-075499)
- On April 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Adam Marshall**, a representative of the **Reports Committee for Freedom of the Press** in Washington, D.C., one spreadsheet reflecting all FOIA requests closed with the disposition of full denials and insufficient from 2017 through 2021. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-009187)
- On April 9, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Elizabeth Foydel**, a representative of the **International Refugee Assistance Project** in New York, New York, 292 pages of records pertaining to guidance on documentary requirements to establish camp-based or informal marriages for the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 6. (Case Number COW 2019 501396)
- On April 10, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Monique Marshall**, a representative of **Leadership Connect** in Washington, D.C., a three-page record pertaining to 2022 CBP Career Senior Executive Service, Non-Career Senior Executive Service, and Schedule C appointees. Portions of this request were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case number CBP-2022-040970)
- On April 10, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Aaron Torres**, a representative of *The Dallas Morning News* in Austin, Texas, seven pages of records pertaining to emails between Loren Flossman, Jason Owens, and any employee of Cochrane Global that mention Buoy “Barrier demonstration” from May 10, 2020, to June 4, 2020. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2023-121598)
- On April 10, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Warren**, a representative of the **Institute for Justice** in Arlington, Virginia, 11 pages of records pertaining to tort claims. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-134610)

#### **IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals**

- Nothing significant to report.

#### **V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

- Nothing significant to report.



## VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-03511)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 17, 2022, seeking records pertaining to contracts or other agreements from January 20, 2021, to present between ICE Office of Acquisition Management (OAQ) and GEO Group. On April 8, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 359 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-00355)* plaintiff's FOIA request was referred to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on January 25, 2022, seeking records related to human trafficking and related email correspondence. Plaintiff filed suit on February 9, 2022, claiming injunctive relief. On April 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its thirteenth interim response, consisting of 4 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Heritage Foundation v. Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) (23-cv-02882) (2024-HQLI-00001)* plaintiff filed a complaint on July 13, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications between DHS Immediate Office of the Secretary; Office of Intelligence and Analysis; Office of Homeland Security Situational Awareness; Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; Office of Partnership and Engagement; and the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties containing the keyword "splcenter.org," "Moms for Liberty," "Tiffany Justice," or "Tina Descovich." On April 9, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 117 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *Stevens v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-02725)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 6, 2018, seeking records pertaining to contracts related to the submission, acceptance, and review of detainee health with Kenosha County, Wisconsin, for health care provided to people held under immigration laws. On April 10, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 15 pages of records to the plaintiff.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

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**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
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**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On April 16, 2024, **Maria Romani**, a representative of the *ACLU of Northern California*, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the detainee grievance log maintained by facility staff at Adelanto ICE Processing Center, Desert View Annex, Golden State Annex, Imperial Regional Detention Facility, Mesa Verde ICE Processing Center, and Otay Mesa Detention Center. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-31310)
- On April 16, 2024, **Colin Farnsworth**, a representative of the **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to visa sanctions on non-cooperative countries that have been issued and, for each country sanctioned since January 21, 2021, the number of immigrants from each of those countries that are in the U.S. and how many have criminal records. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-31117)
- On April 17, 2024, **Nicholas Tabori**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to incidents of vessels over 600 feet in length that have lost propulsion in US waters over the past 3 years with descriptions of the location where the incident occurred. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01599)
- On April 18, 2024, **Marco La Manno**, a representative of *The Suncoast News Network*, in Sarasota, Florida, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to reports that include the terms: "dead" or "boats" between January 1, 2018, and April 1, 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01611)
- On April 18, 2024, **David Bier**, a representative of the *Cato Institute* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the total number of "gotaways" and "turnbacks" from FY 2019 to FY 2025. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-093582)
- On April 18, 2024, **David Bier**, a representative of the *Cato Institute* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining

to the total number of entries by citizenship status from FY 2019 to FY 2025. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-093586)

- On April 19, 2024, **Isaac Stanley-Becker**, a representative of *The Washington Post* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications sent by Michael Banks between May 1, 2019, and February 28, 2023, that include keywords: “Trump,” “Operation Lone Star,” “Abbott,” or “DeSantis.” (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-094391)
- On April 21, 2024, **David Collins**, a representative of *WBAL TV 11 News*, in Baltimore, Maryland, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to cargo ships between 220 to 1200 feet long experiencing propulsion problems in the Patapsco River and Chesapeake Bay. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01638)
- On April 22, 2024, **Katherine Hawkins**, a representative of *Project on Government Oversight* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to a May 18, 2023, incident in Ajo, Arizona, involving the shooting and death of Raymond Mattia. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-095330)
- On April 22, 2024, **Ryan Marchina**, a representative of *Anomaly Entertainment* in Hastings on Hudson, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to an incident involving Frank D. Hansen’s detainment and reentry into the U.S. after transporting a frozen corpse through Pembina, North Dakota. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-095370)
- On April 22, 2024, **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of *inewssource* in San Diego, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to all NEPA categorical exemptions relating to the autonomous surveillance towers in California from 2010 through April 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-095599)
- On April 23, 2024, **Morgan Yardis**, a representative of *Protect the Public’s Trust* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the guidance issued on policies surrounding the labeling of goods exported from the West Bank including communications by officials regarding the labeling of goods and potential fines for those not in compliance. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-096080)
- On April 23, 2024, **Anna Giaritelli**, a representative of the *Washington Examiner* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the number of Border Patrol agents employed, agents eligible for retirement, agents terminated and the number of agents that resigned from November 3, 2020, to April 23, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-096111)
- On April 23, 2024, **Catie Bussmann**, a representative of *FOX Carolina (WHNS)* in Greenville, South Carolina, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to an incident involving Congressional Representative William Timmons at the Greenville-Spartanburg (GSP) airport. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00983)

- On April 24, 2024, **David Ferrara**, a representative of *The Post and Courier* in Greenville, South Carolina, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to an incident involving U.S. Congressman William Timmons at the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) from April 1, 2024, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00998)

**Late Requests:**

- Nothing significant to report.

**III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On April 17, 2024, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released to **Allan Blutstein**, a representative of **American Rising Corp** in Arlington, Virginia, 3 pages of records pertaining to emails sent by Jen Easterly that mention "Biden," or "Afghanistan" or the "Taliban" from August 14, 2021, through August 17, 2021. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number 2021-NPFO-00142)
- On April 19, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Jake Wiener**, a representative of the *Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC)* in Washington, D.C., 118 pages of records pertaining to location-tracking software BabelStreet/Locate X from 2017 to the present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2022-020605)
- On April 23, 2023, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Mariko Hirose**, a representative of the **International Refugee Assistance Project, Urban Justice Center**, in New York, New York, 17 spreadsheets, and 5,162 pages of records pertaining to statistics, admissions, directives, policies, Executive Orders and the possible transfer of the Bureau of Consular Affairs and the Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration from the Department of State to the Department of Homeland Security. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 2, 4, 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number COW 2017-001246)
- On April 24, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Rogue Planas**, a representative of *HuffPost* in Austin, Texas, 181 pages of records pertaining to outgoing emails sent by Border Patrol employees from January 1, 2017, to present that contain the terms: Tonk, Tonks, Tonck, or Toncks. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2024-021600)
- On April 24, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Nick Baur**, a representative of the *National Democratic Committee* in Washington, D.C., 181 pages of records that were released in response to Request Number CBP-2020-079322, which sought records pertaining to "all outgoing emails or text messages sent by any U.S. Border Patrol employees or officials from January 1, 2017, to the present that contain any of the following non-case sensitive terms: "tonk," "tonks," "tonck,"

or "toncks." Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2024-060359)

- On April 19, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., a 1-page record pertaining to GS-15 or SES appointees that have entered the agency from July 2023 to the present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00069)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *The Brennan Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland (DHS) (23-cv-05372)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the Domestic Mantis Program or Domestic Mantis Initiative (DM; Forbidden Secrets; Project Campus Sentinel (PCS); Project Steady Stare (PS2); and Stella Sunrise Project (SSP). On April 18, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 6 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *RMIAN v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02359)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 10, 2022, seeking records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On April 18, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 951 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Elizabeth Jordan v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02681)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 13, 2023, seeking records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On April 18, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 951 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Patrick Eddington v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (18-cv-01185)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 28, 2015, seeking records pertaining to disputes with individuals at internal CBP checkpoints operated to conduct immigration inspections from July 6, 1976, to the present. Plaintiff filed suit claiming injunctive relief. On April 18, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released 191 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Lianet Alvarez Osorio v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (23-cv-03779)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on February 6, 2024, seeking records pertaining to the death of Idania Osorio Dominguez on January 2, 2023, in the Eagle Pass Soft Sided Facility. On April 18, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the second interim release, consisting of 7 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Al Otro Lado v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)(22-cv-01280)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on May 11, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the sharing of data collected in various DHS programs with various other government agencies and foreign governments. On April 18, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the second interim release, consisting of 582 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Immigrants' Legal Defense v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-06348) (2024-HQLI-00022)* plaintiff filed a complaint on December 8, 2023, seeking records pertaining to any complete or signed "DHS Multimedia Agreement,"; communications containing the following phrases: "proposed pilot"; "shooting schedule"; "outline of the production"; or "approved production" from the following custodians: Brandon A. Montgomery, Director, DHS, Office of Multimedia Liaison, the current Director of DHS' Office of Multimedia Liaison or any individual who has held the title of Director of DHS' Office of Multimedia Liaison from March 1, 2018 to the present. On April 18, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued its second interim response consisting of 147 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6 and 7(C).
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) (20-cv-02153)* plaintiff filed a complaint on October 8, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of CBP personnel to protests, because of the death of George Floyd from May 25, 2020, through October 20, 2020. On April 19, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the twenty-fifth interim release, consisting of 178 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-04760)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 29, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the treatment of hospitalized detainees and detainees released from custody before their death. On April 19, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 293 pages of records and 1 Excel Spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *NWIRP v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01127)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 17, 2023, seeking records pertaining to an incident involving the use of force which occurred on February 1, 2023, at the Northwest Detention Center, also known as the Northwest ICE Processing Center (NWIPC). On April 19, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the plaintiff 196 pages and 3 Video Files of records.
- In the matter of *Ammad Omar; National Public Radio, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-09928)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 27, 2021, seeking records pertaining to documents produced or maintained by the agency relating to its detention facility contracts. On April 22, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 361 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *American Immigration Council (AIC) and Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS) v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-05270)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on October 16, 2023, seeking records pertaining to CBP’s implementation of new border management measures that require asylum seekers at the southern border to use CBP’s smartphone application, known as CBP One. On April 22, 2024, U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the first interim release, consisting of 268 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *America First Policy Institute v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01039) (2024-HQLI-00006)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 15, 2022, seeking records pertaining to delegations of the Secretary, administrator, and other agency head’s statutory authority to subordinate officers and employees. On April 24, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 19 pages of records to the plaintiff. All 19 pages are released in full.

### **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells





**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
April 25, 2024- May 1, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
May 6, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On April 25, 2024, **Matt Shuham**, a representative of the *HuffPost* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the August 26, 2023, cross-border shooting, in which a soldier assigned to Operation Lone Star fired his weapon into Mexico, hitting one person. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-097397)
- On April 25, 2024, **Matt Shuham**, a representative of the *HuffPost* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to Border Patrol EMT or other medical records related to any incident in which the operators of vehicles rented by Texas National Guard Alpha Company in El Paso/Sunland Park ran over migrants between December 24 through 27, 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-097400)
- On April 25, 2024, **Matt Shuham**, a representative of the *HuffPost* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to vehicle chases involving Texas Army National Guard soldiers or other Texas state employees, specifically a 2023 vehicle chase involving an Operation Lone Star soldier ending at the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo/Tigua Pueblo reservation. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-097435)
- On April 26, 2024, **Natalee Acocella**, a representative of *Law and Crime Productions (WHNS)* in Greenville, South Carolina, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to any reports of John E. Brennan, who stripped while going through screening at Portland International Airport. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01009)
- On April 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Commissioner Troy A. Miller, for the month of April 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-098698)
- On April 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Acting Deputy Commissioner, Peter R. Flores, for the month of April 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-098699)

- On April 27, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Deputy Assistant Commissioner, James McCament, for the month of April 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-098700)
- On April 27, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Chief Operating Officer, Stephanie Talton, for the month of April 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-098701)
- On April 27, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to images or videos of seized fentanyl taken by the Border Patrol during the month of April 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-098704)
- On April 27, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the number of encounters between Border Patrol officers, agents, or contractors and Iranian, Venezuelan, North Korean, or Chinese nationals for April 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-098706)
- On April 29, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to legal guidance sent regarding communication with social media companies such as Facebook/Meta, X/Twitter, Google/YouTube sent within the last two years. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01355)
- On April 29, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to notices the Chief Information Office (CIO) or Public Affairs office has sent using the term “influencers,” specifically regarding social media influencers. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01364 & 2024-HQFO-01365)
- On April 29, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to spreadsheets maintained by the CIO concerning lost or stolen government devices. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01360 & 2024-HQFO-01362)
- On April 29, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to the unauthorized access to the following systems — FEMA Enterprise Network, FEMA Workstations System, Access Lifecycle Management system — created in the past three years. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00788)

- On April 30, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from multiple components records pertaining to documents sent to the CIO or the Chief Information Security Office (CISO) from the following companies: OpenAI, Anthropic, Hugging Face, Inflection, Cohere, NVIDIA, Palantir, Scale AI, and Stability. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00790 & 2024-HQFO-01347)
- On April 30, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from multiple components records pertaining to communications sent to or from CIO and CISO that mention the terms “West Bank”, “Gaza”, “Palestine”, or “Palestinian territories.” (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00791, 2024-TSFO-01022, 2024-HQFO-01348, 2024-HQFO-01349, 2024-HQFO-01350, 2024-HQFO-01351)
- On April 30, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from multiple components records pertaining to notices that the CIO or Public Affairs office has sent that constitute social media guidelines for DHS employees. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00793, 2024-TSFO-01024, 2024-HQFO-01354)
- On April 30, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to communications sent from the FEMA social media or CIO team concerning Crowdtangle, the Facebook/Meta analytics tool. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00794)
- On April 30, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from multiple components records pertaining to notices the CIO or Public Affairs office has sent that mention the terms: “deep fakes,” “deepfake,” “deepfakes,” or “deep-fake”. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00795 & 2024-HQFO-01356)
- On April 30, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from multiple components records pertaining to notices the CIO or the Secretary of DHS has sent using the term “misinformation” or “disinformation”. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00796 & 2024-HQFO-01366)
- On April 30, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from multiple components records pertaining to notices from the CIO concerning allowed/not-allowed apps on agency devices. Case Number 2024-FEFO-00797, 2024-TSFO-01027, 2024-HQFO-01357, 2024-HQFO-01361)
- On April 30, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from multiple components records pertaining to CIO’s use of the term “TikTok” or “Tik Tok”. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00798 & 2024-HQFO-01358)
- On April 30, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from multiple components records pertaining to the CIO use of the term “Microsoft” or “Midnight Blizzard/Nobelium”. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00799, 2024-TSFO-01026, 2024-HQFO-01359)

- On April 30, 2024, **Michael Howell**, a representative of *The Heritage Foundation* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to any listening sessions concerning Executive Order (E.O.) 14019. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00811)
- On April 30, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from multiple components records pertaining to the CISO and CIO's calendar in daily view. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01023, 2024-FEFO-00792, CBP-FO-2024-099797, 2024-HQFO-01352, 2024-HQFO-01353)
- On April 30, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from multiple components records pertaining to any guidelines, policies, or rules issued by the CIO or CISO that mention the term "artificial intelligence" or "machine learning." (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01028 and 2024-HQFO-01368)
- On April 30, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *Vox Media* in New York, New York, requested from multiple components records pertaining to any emails, memos, and guidance from the CIO or the Secretary of DHS using the term "APT 29" or "APT 40." (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01029, CBP-FO- 2024-099807, 2024-FEFO-00800, 2024-HQFO-01367)
- On April 30, 2024, **Deanna Allbritton**, a representative of *ABC News 8* in Richmond, Virginia, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to firearms violations at TSA screening checkpoints and the resultant civil penalties from 2023 to 2024. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01034)
- On April 30, 2024, **Rogue Planas**, a representative of the *HuffPost* in Austin Texas, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to reviews and investigations conducted by CBP's Office of Professional Responsibility into CBP employees' use of racial, ethnic or discriminatory slurs, including the word "tonk" from January 1, 2017, to April 30, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-099723)
- On April 30, 2024, **Joseph Konig**, a representative of *Spectrum News* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to emails and text messages from 2017 to 2020 with the phrase "tonk" as provided to HuffPost. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-100064)

**Late Requests:**

- On March 19, 2024, **Julie Youngman**, a representative of **Southern Environmental Law Center** in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the removal of a physical infrastructure, and/or decommissioning of a former Coast Guard station. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01699)
- On March 29, 2024, **Jonah Miller** a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to email communications between Congressman Dave Reichert (R-WA) or any employee of Congressman Dave Reichert's office and any email address belonging to leadership

personnel of the USCIS between January 1, 2005, through January 1, 2019. (Case Number COW 2024-002725)

- On April 3, 2024, **Meg McGuire**, a representative of *Delaware Currents* in Port Jervis, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to any after-action report released by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the March 24, 2023, leak of 8,100 gallons of a water-soluble acrylic polymer solution into Otter Creek in Bucks County, Pennsylvania/ (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01722)
- On April 6, 2024, **Joel Feuer**, a private individual in Brooklyn, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to an incident in New York, New York on June 17, 2022, involving MARINE 1 BRAVO and HONCHO. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01716)
- On April 17, 2024, **Joseph Cox**, a representative of *404 Media* in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the third pilot development of an interactive application that uses generative AI to improve the way the agency trains immigration officer personnel from January 1, 2023, through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-003249)
- On April 18, 2024, **Sarah Eckhardt**, a representative of the **Economic Innovation Group** in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to H-1B visas and Optional Practical Training extensions from January 1, 2013, through January 1, 2024. (Case Number OPQ 2024-000006)
- On April 23, 2024, **Mitch Blacher**, a representative of *ABC7 – WJLA 24/7 News* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to a cargo ship mishap that occurred between January 1, 2010, and April 23, 2024. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01712)
- On April 23, 2024, **Allegra Knopf**, a representative of **Mansfield Bronstein & Stone, LLP** in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to interviews and photographs concerning the death investigation of CBP Officer Jorge Arias. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-095923)
- On April 24, 2024, **Steven Hsieh**, a representative of **The Stranger** in Vashon, Washington, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to CBP's use of TraX, a call data records mapping program. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-096399)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On April 25, 2024, U.S. Citizenship, and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **David Bixenspan**, a private individual in Brooklyn, New York, 133 pages of records pertaining to Ofelia Fuataga. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number ALF 2024-000313)

- On April 25, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Michael Ravnitzky**, a private individual in Silver Spring, Maryland, 41 pages of records pertaining to all employees who entered into a position at USCIS as “political appointees,” including resumes, and SF-50s from June 1, 2019, through the present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2019-501374)
- On April 25, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of **Inewsorce** in San Diego, California, 387 pages of records pertaining to leases active in the San Diego Sector between January 1, 2018, to the present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 4, 5, 6, 7(C), 7(E), and 7(F). (Case number CBP-FO-2023-058997)
- On April 25, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Joseph Cox**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, 31 pages of records pertaining to "Hamas" and/or "Hezbollah" from October 1, 2023, to February 29, 2024. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-013965)
- On April 26, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Joseph Cox**, a representative of **Muckrock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, 64 pages of records pertaining to an awarded contract between CBP and Orbital Insight for software, development, and support. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 4, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-FO-2024-082844)
- On April 26, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Mariko Hirose**, a representative of the **International Refugee Assistance Project** in New York, New York, 1,081 pages of records pertaining to English and civics requirements for naturalization from January 1, 2000, through the present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. (Case Number COW 2019-501384)
- On April 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington D.C., 4 pages of records pertaining to the agency's usage, retention policies and directives for official communications via Slack, Signal, Microsoft Teams, Lync, or any other internal messaging platforms from 2018 to present. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-02350)
- On April 30, 2024, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released to **Matthew Green**, a representative of **Muckrock News** in Somerville, Massachusetts, 13 pages of records pertaining to any security breach that occurred at the Office of Personnel Management in 2014 and 2015. Portions of this release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2019-NPFO-00286)
- On April 30, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Andrew Silver**, a representative of **Thomas Reuters** in China, 2 pages of records pertaining to data sets of denied pharmaceutical shipments pursuant to the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA) from June 21, 2022, to April 5, 2024. Portions of this

release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 4 and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-086993)

- On April 30, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no records response to his request for records pertaining to agency communications with the company DEMOS from January 1, 2021, to January 30, 2024. (CBP-FO-2024-049727)
- On April 30, 2024, The Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Andrew Quemere**, a representative of *The Mass Dump* in Boston, Massachusetts, a no records response pertaining to materials associated with a training course called "Arson for Profit" that was created in approximately 1983 or 1984 for use by FLETC. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00072)
- On May 1, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Sherri Hart**, a representative of *MuckRock News*, in Boston, Massachusetts, 774 pages of records pertaining to emails communications mentioning any of the following: "Operation Loan Star", "floating barrier", "Ted Cruz", "Gregg Abbott", "razor wire", and "buoy" from January 1, 2023, to November 3, 2023. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-115941)
- On May 1, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., 56 pages of records pertaining to emails mentioning: "Heritage", "Heritage Foundation", "Mike Howell", "Kevin Roberts", "Roman Jankowski", or "Colin Aamot" from January 1, 2023, to February 29, 2024. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-FO-2024-067980)
- On May 1, 2024, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released to **Morgan Yardis**, a representative of **Protect the Public's Trust** in Washington, D.C., 10 pages of records pertaining to Standard Form 50s (SF-50), Resume, Recusal Statements, STOCK Act Notifications of Future Employment Discussions or Signed Biden Ethics Pledge the former Chief of Staff Kiersten Todt. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-NPFO-00321)
- On May 1, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Michelle Hackman**, a representative of *The Wall Street Journal* in Washington D.C., 19 pages of records pertaining to FOIA requests for which a fee waiver was granted from January 20, 2021, through the present. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2021-HQFO-00857)
- On May 1, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Carl Schreck**, a representative of *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty* in Washington, DC, 5 Excel spreadsheets pertaining to the number of new asylum applications received from all foreign nationals from FY 1993 to the present. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2018-001142)



- On May 1, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Kate Plummer**, a representative of *Newsweek* in London, England, one spreadsheet pertaining to the number of people that have applied to be sponsors in the United for Ukraine scheme but have been rejected due to failing the vetting stage since the scheme opened. These records were released in full. (Case Number OPQ 2023-000036)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Muslim Advocates v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (17-cv-02080) (2018-HQLI-00006)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 5, 2017, regarding the enforcement of the waiver provisions of the Second Executive Order. On April 25, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 300 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 300 pages, 30 pages are being released in full, 1 page is being withheld in part, and 5 pages are withheld in full pursuant to 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *America First Legal Foundation v. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) (22-cv-01255) (2023-HQLI-00004)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 4, 2022, seeking records pertaining to CISA’s Countering Foreign Influence Task Force (CFITF), “Mis-, Dis-, and Malinformation” (MDM) team, policies and directives relating to the 2020 election. On April 25, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 146 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 146 pages, 111 pages are released in full, and 35 pages are released in part pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.
- In the matter of *Heritage Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01770) (2022-HQLI-00039)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on March 23, 2022, seeking records pertaining to an investigation of a CBP incident in or near the Rio Grande River near Del Rio, Texas in September 2021. On April 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 15 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *America First Legal Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01896) (2022-HQLI-00044)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on July 5, 2022, seeking records pertaining to political appointees since January 20, 2021. On April 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office, released a supplemental response consisting of a 1-page record to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.

- In the matter of ***Immigrants' Legal Defense v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-06348) (2024-HQLI-00022)*** plaintiff filed a complaint on December 8, 2023, seeking records pertaining to any complete or signed "DHS Multimedia Agreement,"; communications containing the following phrases: "proposed pilot"; "shooting schedule"; "outline of the production"; or "approved production" from the following custodians: Brandon A. Montgomery, Director, DHS, Office of Multimedia Liaison, the current Director of DHS' Office of Multimedia Liaison or any individual who has held the title of Director of DHS' Office of Multimedia Liaison from March 1, 2018 to the present. On April 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released a supplemental response consisting of 26 pages of records to the plaintiff. These records will be released in full.
- In the matter of ***Partially Important Productions LLC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), (23-cv-02145)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 19, 2023, seeking records pertaining to communications sent or received by USCIS employees referencing the use of the song "God Bless the USA" by USCIS. On April 26, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 22 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Electronic Privacy Information Center v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-03071)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 26, 2020, seeking records pertaining to ICE's use of Clearview AI technology and ICE use of facial recognition software. On April 26, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 2 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Project on Government Oversight, Inc. v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (19-cv-03372)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 7, 2019, seeking records pertaining to communications between government officials and representatives of Amazon or AWS regarding facial recognition technology. On April 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 24 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Al Otro Lado v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01525)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to agency FOIA logs for the period of October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2021. On April 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1,112 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***America First Policy Institute v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01039) (2024-HQLI-00006)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 22, 2021, seeking records pertaining to e-mail communication between officers or employees of CISA that were either sent to, or received from individuals at Facebook, Google or Twitter between January 20, 2021, through the present. On April 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office

released 12 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.

- In the matter of *Center to Advance Security in America v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01934) (2022-HQLI-00049)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on July 5, 2022, seeking records created in the development, approval process, and final decision to change the mission and name of the reorganized Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3). On April 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released a supplemental response, consisting of 121 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. Department of State (DOS) (20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records pertaining to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 316 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter *Reclaim the Records v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23-cv-01997)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to email communications from January 1, 2015, through February 12, 2021, sent to or received by Tammy Meckley, Associate Director, Immigration Records and Identity Services Directorate, that contain the word “genealogy”. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 8 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Immigrant Investor Alliance v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23 -cv-00820)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 5, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the adjudication of Forms I-526 and I-829 with regard to the use of currency swaps or informal value transfers from January 1, 2016, to September 1, 2022. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 61 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Immigrant Investor Alliance v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23 -cv-03543)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to issues raised in the Government Accountability Office's March 28, 2023, report on the EB-5 Program. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 370 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the *Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and Al Otro Lado (AOL) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (19-cv-03438)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 31, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the screening, inspection, or processing of unaccompanied non-citizen children on the Southern border from May 2018 through the present. Plaintiff filed suit on November 15, 2019, claiming injunctive relief. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection

(CBP) issued its 43<sup>rd</sup> interim response consisting of 250 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of the ***State of Florida v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et.al. (21-14462-Civ)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the impacts of DHS's September 30, 2021, immigration enforcement guidance. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2021, claiming injunctive relief. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its 22<sup>nd</sup> interim response consisting of 67 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-10479)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 24, 2021, seeking records pertaining to humanitarian parole applications and adjudication in the State of Arizona, from January 1, 2016, to the present. Plaintiff filed suit on March 2, 2023, claiming injunctive relief. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its third interim release consisting of 153 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Haitian Bridge Alliance, African Communities Together, and Undocublack Networks v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-8344)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to Haitian migrants seeking asylum who were sequestered in an encampment near Del Rio, Texas port of entry in September of 2021. Plaintiff filed suit on September 30, 2022, claiming injunctive relief. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its eighth interim response, consisting of 63 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Stevens v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-02725)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 6, 2018, seeking records pertaining to contracts related to the submission, acceptance, and review of detainee health with Kenosha County, Wisconsin, for health care provided to people held under immigration laws. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 169 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-01583)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 16, 2019, seeking records pertaining to all efforts toward family reunification and the release of minors from DHS custody and/or facilities, as required by Paragraph 18 of the *Flores* Settlement. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 65 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Noelle Llamas and Ken Klippenstein v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (21-cv-01169)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 1, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of law enforcement assets by ICE during May 25, 2020, to August 15, 2020. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 492 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Black Alliance v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-06239)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 10, 2021, seeking

records pertaining to ICE's use of force, solitary confinement, access to medical treatment, and other conditions that impact Black immigrants in ICE detention. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1,093 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Immigrant Legal Resource Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-09208)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 14, 2021, pertaining to weekly reports ICE field offices are required to provide to the Office of the Director, the Office of the Deputy Director, and the Office of Policy and Planning (OPP) pursuant to the Johnson memorandum. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the *Immigrant Defense Project v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-01153)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 10, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the creation, implementation, or oversight of supervision programs including the Orders of Supervision Program (OSUP) and the Alternative to Detention (ATD) Program, Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) and the ATD Case Management Pilot Program from December 19, 2019, to the present. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 145 pages and 6 Excel Spreadsheets of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *AIC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-02250)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the current Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA) that services the Detention Facility. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 19 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Haitian Bridge v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08344)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 1, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the federal government's policies, directives, and actions relating to the treatment and processing of migrants in Del Rio in September 2021, and the unlawful expulsion of thousands of such migrants. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 19 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Justice for Immigrant Families v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-00929)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 30, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the scope and scale of detention in the Buffalo Field Office District (BFOD) and records regarding the treatment of people detained at Batavia, including accommodations for disabled people. On April 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 511 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Electronic Frontier Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (19-cv-02578)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 5, 2018, seeking records pertaining to policies and/or procedures regarding the use of GPS tracking devices on vehicles crossing the border. On May 1, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 290 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Justice and Diversity Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08902)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 15, 2022, seeking records that include the term “Dedicated Docket,” except: any case information relating to an individual noncitizen and any database information. On May 1, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 77 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08902) (23-cv-01498)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 4, 2022, requesting all records issued by Acting ICE Director Tae Johnson on or about June 7, 2021, and titled “REMINDER: Detention Policy Where an Immigration Judge has Granted Asylum, Withholding of Removal, or Convention Against Torture Protection, and DHS has appealed”. On May 1, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 48 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Legal Defense v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-06348)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 2, 2023, seeking records pertaining to ICE’s recording practices for video and audio recordings of ICE enforcement actions in California between September 28, 2020, and October 2, 2020. On May 1, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 33 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *State of Tennessee v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-00068)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 23, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the release of single adult ICE detainees in Tennessee from November 1, 2022, through the present. On May 1, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 176 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the *Project on Government Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02662)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 28, 2017, seeking records pertaining to use of force incident reports. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2023, claiming injunctive and declaratory relief. On May 1, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its 4<sup>th</sup> interim response, consisting of 786 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *McGinn v. Mayorkas (24-cv-00008) (2024-HQLI-00020)* plaintiff filed a complaint on January 2, 2024, seeking records pertaining to e-QIP investigations, OIG 2020 investigation, and all foreign travel history concerning Thomas McGinn. On May 1, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 199 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 1, 2, 5, and 6.

## Freedom of Information Act Exemptions

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
May 2, 2024- May 8, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
May 13, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On May 2, 2024, **Mike Howell**, a representative of *The Heritage Foundation* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to any listening sessions concerning Executive Order (E.O.) 14019. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00128)
- On May 2, 2024, **Wills Robinson**, a representative of the *Daily Mail* in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to an incident at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland on April 22, 2024, involving members of Vice President Kamala Harris’ protective detail. (USSS Case Number 20240725)
- On May 2, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *FedScoop* in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications sent by Sanjeev “Sonny” Bhagowalia and Scott Davis, that mention the term “TikTok,” from May 2, 2021, to May 2, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-101292)
- On May 2, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *FedScoop* in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications between Scott Davis, and Sanjeev “Sonny” Bhagowalia that mention the following terms, “artificial intelligence,” “Inflection,” “Cohere,” “NVIDIA,” “Palantir,” “Scale AI,” “OpenAI,” or “Anthropic,” from May 2, 2021, to May 2, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-101311)
- On May 2, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *FedScoop* in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications between Sanjeev “Sonny” Bhagowalia and Scott Davis between October 7, 2023, to May 1, 2024, that mention the terms “West Bank,” “Gaza,” “Palestine,” or “Palestinian territories.” (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-101322)
- On May 2, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *FedScoop* in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to government devices that were reported lost, stolen, or taken abroad without



authorization from May 2, 2021, to May 2, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-101404)

- On May 2, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *FedScoop* in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to policy, rules, or memos created from May 1, 2021, to May 1, 2024, for CBP use of “artificial intelligence.” (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-101406)
- On May 2, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *FedScoop* in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications between Scott Davis and Sanjeev "Sonny" Bhagowalia sent between February 15, 2024, and April 30, 2024, that contain the terms, “Microsoft” and either “ED 24-02” or “Emergency Directive 24-02,” “APT 29,” or “APT29.” (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-101412)
- On May 3, 2024, **Loree Stark**, a representative of *American Oversight* in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to manifests contained in the Advance Passenger Information System or the Automated Targeting System for all private aircraft and non-commercial small vessel and/or pleasure boats containing the name of Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O’Connor. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-102441)
- On May 3, 2024, **Carlos Polanco**, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to the use and application of light detection and ranging (LIDAR) concerning hurricane disasters. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00827)
- On May 3, 2024, **Mara Arellano**, a representative of *Telemundo Network* in Universal City, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications between Border Patrol personnel discussing the apprehension, detention, processing, and treatment of undocumented individuals from 2017 to 2020 where U.S. Border Patrol agents used the derogatory slur “tonk” on government devices. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-102598)
- On May 2, 2024, **Allison Pohle**, a representative of *The Wall Street Journal* in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the operations, maintenance, and speed of the Analogic checkpoint computed tomography scanners. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01046)
- On May 3, 2024, **Deanna Allbrittin**, a representative with *WRIC ABC 8News* in Richmond, Virginia, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to surveillance footage of passenger Tyler Scott Wenrich as he went through the Richmond International Airport security checkpoint on April 17. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01057)
- On May 6, 2024, **John Terhune**, a representative of *The Portland Press Herald* in South Portland, Maine, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the Border Patrol Tactical Unit's (BORTAC) involvement in the manhunt for Robert Card in Lewiston, Maine, from October 25-27, 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-103432)
- On May 6, 2024, **David Collins**, a representative of *WBAL TV 11 News*, in Baltimore, Maryland, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records

obtained on March 26, 2024, from the DALI ship voyage data recorder. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01777)

- On May 6, 2024, **Rick Brewer**, a representative of **WCMU Public Media** in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the March 28, 2024, collision involving the AMERICAN MARINER with the Mud Lake Junction Light in the St. Mary's River. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01779)
- On May 8, 2024, **Steve Thompson**, a representative of **The Washington Post** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the Investigation and Casualty Analysis incident of the vessel MV WAWASAN RUBY on August 25, 2012, close to Curtis Bay. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01742)
- On May 8, 2024, **Ed Gallek**, a representative with **FOX 8** in Cleveland, Ohio, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to any report of a security breach involving Bryant Francis at Hopkins Airport from February 1, 2024 through May 8, 2024. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01073)

### **Late Requests:**

- On April 15, 2024, **Ed Williams** a representative of **Searchlightnm.org** in Santa Fe, New Mexico, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to complaints and correspondence sent or received by employees of USCIS' New Mexico office regarding Dr. Christopher R. Fletcher, a civil surgeon residing in Santa Fe, New Mexico. (Case Number COW 2024-003188)
- On April 23, 2024, **George Joseph**, a representative of **The Guardian**, in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to NYC Mayflower Regional Center, INC. (Case Number COW 2024-003374)
- On April 29, 2024, **Bryan Temmermand**, a private individual in Mill Valley, California, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the November 4, 2023, marine mishap in the San Francisco Bay between the M/V CMA CGM CHILE with a San Francisco Bar Pilot aboard (Unit 30) and a group of 78 swimmers from an Odyssey Open Water Swimming event. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01732)
- On May 1, 2024, **Andrea Meza**, a representative of the **Government Accountability Project** in Washington D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications related to Dr. Alexander Eastman's issuance and possession of CBP firearm. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-100501)
- On May 1, 2024, **Theodore Hesson**, a representative of **Reuters** in Washington D.C., requested from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the cost of CBP's canine program from 2000 to present; drug seizures by weight and drug type in cases where canines discovered the contraband from 2000 to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-100602)
- On May 1, 2024, **Dhruv Mehrotra**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records

pertaining to a list of questions asked by CBP to TikTok workers at the border. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-101181)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On April 30, 2024, the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) released to **David Fahrenthold**, a representative of *The New York Times* in Washington, D.C., 9 pages of records pertaining to the USSS rental of rooms, villas, cabanas or other dwelling at the Trump National Club in Bedminster, New Jersey since September 2021. (USSS Case Number 20240513)
- On May 2, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Samantha Manning**, a representative of *Cox Media Group* in Washington, D.C., 5 pages of records pertaining to DHS officials' direct involvement with the security planning/response for the January 6, 2021, protests, and breach at the U.S. Capitol. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C). (Case number CBP-2022-065756)
- On May 2, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Robin Bravender**, a representative of *Business Insider* in Washington, D.C., 5 pages of records pertaining to communications between DHS officials and U.S. Capitol Police between January 1, 2021, and January 7, 2021. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C). (Case number CBP-2022-065763)
- On May 2, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Joseph Lloyd**, a private individual 5 pages of records pertaining to communications between DHS officials and U.S. Capitol Police between January 1, 2021, and January 12, 2021. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C). (Case number CBP-2022-065779)
- On May 2, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Joseph Konig**, a representative of *Spectrum News* in New York, New York, 467 pages of records from 2017 to 2020 with the phrase "tonk" as previously provided to HuffPost. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2024-100064)
- On May 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Warren**, a representative of the *Institute for Justice* in Arlington, Virginia, 31 pages of records pertaining to a tort claim. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-134610)
- On May 6, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Mike Howell**, a representative of *The Heritage Foundation* in Washington, D.C. a no records final response pertaining to any listening sessions concerning Executive Order (E.O.) 14019. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00128)
- On May 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a one page of record pertaining to the vacancy and occupancy rates of the Ronald Reagan building and the number of full-time employees covered under telework agreements as of

January 1, 2024. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 7(E) and 7(F). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-050389)

- On May 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Colin Farnsworth**, a representative of **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, D.C., 6 pages of records pertaining to the last known U.S. address for each person who received parole after using the CBP One system. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-089333)
- On May 7, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Mara Arellano**, a representative of **Telemundo Network** in Universal City, California, 467 pages of records pertaining to email communications from 2017 to 2020 with the phrase "tonk" as previously provided to HuffPost. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2024-102598)
- On May 8, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Julia Harte**, a representative of **Reuters News**, in Brooklyn, New York, 122 pages of records pertaining to Harry Hughes and the "U.S. Border Guard." Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2021-057419)
- On May 8, 2024, The Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released a no records final response to **Mike Howell**, a representative of **The Heritage Foundation** in Washington, D.C. pertaining to communications between DHS officials and several nonprofit organizations containing the terms '14019', 'executive order', 'Promoting Access to Voting', 'get out the vote', 'GOTV', 'vote# within 5 words of regist#', 'vote# within 5 words of turnout', 'vote# mobilization', 'PAC', 'election integrity', 'VRA', 'NVRA', or 'expanding access'. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00107)
- On May 8, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Grey Moran**, a representative of **Civil Eats** in New Orleans, Louisiana, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to the number of notifications of abandonment, filed by employers of H-2A guestworkers, to USCIS, between January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2023-000325)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *America First Legal Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01896) (2022-HQLI-00044)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on

July 5, 2022, seeking records pertaining to political appointees since January 20, 2021. On May 6, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued a supplemental response consisting of 8 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.

- In the matter of ***Immigrants' Legal Defense v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-06348) (2024-HQLI-00022)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on December 8, 2023, seeking records pertaining to any complete or signed "DHS Multimedia Agreement,"; communications containing the following phrases: "proposed pilot"; "shooting schedule"; "outline of the production"; or "approved production" from the following custodians: Brandon A. Montgomery, Director, DHS, Office of Multimedia Liaison, the current Director of DHS' Office of Multimedia Liaison or any individual who has held the title of Director of DHS' Office of Multimedia Liaison from March 1, 2018, to the present. On May 7, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued its third interim response consisting of 66 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5,6, and 7(C).
- In the matter of ***Bloomberg, L.P. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (24-cv-00596)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 3, 2023, seeking records pertaining to employer-level records on H-1B lottery and petition results, from lottery season FY2021 (lottery conducted in 2020) to lottery season FY2024 (lottery conducted in 2023). On May 10, 2024, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released two Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.

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- On May 9, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) reports for the following facilities: Finney County Jail (June 27-29, 2023), Calhoun County Correctional Center (June 6-8, 2023), Krome North Service Processing Center (July 11-13, 2023), and Pickens County Detention Center (June 27-28, 2023)

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On May 9, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications to, from, or received by DHS leadership, the media, and various outside organizations regarding coordination between law enforcement agencies and private corporations to identify “Domestic Violent Extremists”. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01436)
- On May 10, 2024, **William Marshall**, a representative of **Judicial Watch, Inc.** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to email communications, investigative reports, interview summaries, and agents’ notes that refer to President Biden’ use of Depends underwear. (USSS Case Number 20240744)
- On May 10, 2024, **Rose Thayer**, a representative of **Stars and Stripes** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the conduct of a Catholic Navy chaplain appointed as the Coast Guard chaplain. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01831)
- On May 11, 2024, **Jonathan Lowy**, a representative of **Global Action on Gun Violence** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to cross-border firearms trafficking from the US into Mexico including programs and efforts conducted by CBP, and all information collected or generated by CBP on sources of trafficked guns, buying patterns, and types of guns trafficked from January 1, 2016 to the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-106541)
- On May 13, 2024, **Laura Strickler**, a representative of **NBC News National** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the 2021, 2022, and 2023 financial disclosure forms, and OGE

Form 278-T for Jason Owens, Chief of United States Border Patrol. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-106687)

- On May 13, 2024, **SangYeob Kim**, a representative of the **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU)** in Concord, New Hampshire, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the number of apprehensions and encounters in the Swanton Border Patrol Sector from January 1, 2024, to May 4, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-106765)
- On May 14, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) records pertaining to the agency's usage and retention policies or directives for official communications via Slack, Signal, Microsoft Teams, Lync, or any other internal messaging platforms from 2018 to present. This request was transferred to the Privacy Office for response to the requestor. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-02362)

**Late Requests:**

- On February 6, 2024, **Karla Marisol Vargas**, a representative of the **Texas Civil Rights Project** in Alamo, Texas, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the Loyal Source Government Services (LSGS) contract performance and in-custody death of minor children from July 30, 2021, to the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-055232)
- On April 11, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America (CASA)** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to communications between USCG senior leaders and various media organizations between June 28, 2023, and December 31, 2023, concerning the use of affirmative action at the USCG Academy. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01548)
- On April 29, 2024, **Wes Wolfe**, a representative of *The Tribune & Georgian* in St. Marys, Georgia, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to shrimp vessel incidents in Georgia waterways from June 4, 2009, through April 24, 2015. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01813)
- On April 30, 2024, **Daniel Brown**, a representative of **AFGE Local 1115 Union** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to information sent to the labor relations manager regarding an ongoing investigation between the union and the USCG Base Kodiak about an on-site grievance regarding the hiring process from January 8, 2023, to December 30, 2023. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01740)
- On May 2, 2024, **Madeline Hunt**, a representative of *WTOC News* in Savannah, Georgia, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the Southeast region speeding vessel violation list as of 2017, issued annually by the USCG. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01824)



- On May 2, 2024, **Dean Capland**, a representative of **Anson Funds** in Toronto, Canada, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) public records and information regarding Clear Secure Inc. and its subsidiaries. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01104)
- On May 6, 2024, **Rebecca Heilweil**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to emails or memos sent between the Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO) leadership using the terms “APT 29”, “cloud” or “cloud systems” from February 26, 2024, and May 1, 2024. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-34517)
- On May 8, 2024, **Bryan Morgan**, a representative of **Banning LLP** in Encinitas, California, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to all Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the USCG and the City of San Diego related to the maintenance and navigation of Mission Bay from 2014 to the present. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01840)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On May 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Jesse Franzblau**, a representative of the **National Immigrant Justice Center** in Washington, D.C., 234 pages of records pertaining to Consequence Delivery System (CDS) disposition charts and guides for each Border Patrol Sector; CDS briefing records for each Border Patrol Sector from February 2022 to June 2023; and CDS cost analysis records for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2023-091989)
- On May 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Eileen Sullivan**, a representative of *The New York Times* in Washington, D.C., 23 pages of records pertaining to communications from David BeMiller, Raul Ortiz, Troy Miller, Pete R. Flores, Anthony "Scott" Good, and Peter Jaquez regarding migrants waiting at gate 40 or gate 42 in El Paso, Texas, to include mentions of buses for transport, water, granola bars, food, shelter, bathrooms, and processing facilities. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2023-107088)
- On May 10, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of *Inewsourc*e in San Diego, California, 25 pages of records pertaining to CBP Standard Form 95’s (Claim for Damage, Injury or Death) submitted to the San Diego Field Office of Chief Counsel from January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-007025)
- On May 13, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Scott MacFarlane**, a representative of *CBS News* in New York, New York, 350 pages of records pertaining to written correspondence between the agency’s Office of Legislative Affairs and any of the following members of Congress within the calendar year 2022, Rep. James Comer (R-KY), Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH), Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD), Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), or Rep. Glenn

Grothman (R-WI). Portions of this release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7 (E) (2023-HQFO-00461)

- On May 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no records response to his request for records pertaining to marketing materials the agency has created, implemented, or disseminated in support of Executive Order 14019. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-049852)
- On May 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Angie Nassara**, a representative of *Al Jazeera* in Washington, D.C., a one-page record pertaining to the 2022 budget allocation for Border Patrol's BORSTAR Team. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2023-079344)
- On May 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Kyle Jaeger**, a representative of *Marijuana Moment* in Sacramento, California, 33 pages of records pertaining to DHS Forms 6051S (Custody Receipt for Seized Property and Evidence) for seizures of "marijuana" or "cannabis" at Border Patrol checkpoints in New Mexico from February 1, 2024, through April 15, 2024. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2024-091390)
- On May 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Matt Shuham**, a representative of the *HuffPost* in New York, New York, a one-page record pertaining to the August 26, 2023, incident involving a soldier assigned to Operation Lone Star firing his weapon into Mexico and hitting one person. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2024-097397)
- On May 14, 2022, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Zach Stieber**, a representative of *The Epoch Times* in New York, New York, 44 pages of records pertaining to emails to or from Nina Jankowicz from April 25, 2022, through April 26, 2022. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number 2022-HQFO-00967)
- On May 14, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Rob Kuznia**, a representative of *CNN* in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a no records response to his request for any memorandums released by DHS since January 1, 2020, regarding illegal marijuana cultivation sites operated by Chinese nationals. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-087675)
- On May 15, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of *Inewssource* in San Diego, California, a no records response to her request for a list of backlogged appointments at SENTRI Enrollment Centers in California from January 1, 2017, through March 24, 2022. (Case number CBP-2022-058066)
- On May 15, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Shannon Dooling**, a representative of *WBUR* in Boston, Massachusetts, 1,492 pages of records pertaining to communications referencing non-military deferred action and Donald Trump from Kenneth (Ken) Cuccinelli, Kevin McAleenan, Lori Pietropaoli, Michael McCleary, Stephen Miller, and Kathy Nuebel Kovarik from April 1, 2019,

through present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number COW 2019-501272)

- On May 15, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **William Melugin**, a representative of *Fox News* in Los Angeles, California, a one-page record pertaining to “gotaway” statistics for Fiscal Year 2010 through Fiscal Year 2023. This record was released in full. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-014483)
- On May 15, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Kate Plummer**, a representative of *Newsweek* in London, England, a one-page record pertaining to complaints regarding CBP Officers from 2016 through 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-020661)
- On May 15, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Christian Casale**, a representative of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* in Sarasota, Florida, a no records response to his request for documents pertaining to any proposed or active cooperation between the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Department, Sarasota Police Department, and CBP since 2014. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-064385)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *NWIRP v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01127)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 17, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the incident involving the use of force which occurred on February 1, 2023, at the Northwest Detention Center. On May 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 2 video files to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Jason Leopold & Buzzfeed v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (19-cv-03028)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 2, 2019, seeking records pertaining to multiple individuals who died while in ICE custody. On May 9, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 video and 1 audio file to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Mark Zaid v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01602)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 4, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications between DHS and other U.S. government agencies regarding Target’s IP Address or the Target Website. On May 9, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 36 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-03240)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 5, 2023, seeking records pertaining to email correspondences sent from ICE’s political appointees, from January 1, 2021, through the present. On May 9, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 35 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Heritage Foundation v. FBI (23-cv-02882) (2024-HQLI-00001)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on July 13, 2022, seeking records from individuals within: DHS immediate Office of the Secretary; Office of Intelligence and Analysis; Office of Homeland Security Situational Awareness; Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; Office of Partnership and Engagement; and the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties containing the keywords “splcenter.org,” “Moms for Liberty,” “Tiffany Justice,” or “Tina Descovich”. On May 9, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released a supplemental response, consisting of 138 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-00355)* plaintiff’s FOIA request was referred to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on January 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to human trafficking and related email correspondence. Plaintiff filed suit on February 9, 2022, claiming injunctive relief. On May 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its fourteenth interim response, consisting of 231 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Immigration Council v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (18-cv-01531)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 3, 2018, seeking records pertaining to the processing and treatment of noncitizen families who arrive at the border, particularly the U.S.-Mexico border. On May 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 128 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Austin Sanctuary Network v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-01686)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 26, 2020, seeking records pertaining to how civil fines and penalties are issued by the federal government to individuals who have sought refuge from deportation in houses of worship. On May 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 114 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Just Futures Law v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-02208)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 10, 2021, seeking records pertaining to DHS contracts for the use of identification products and technologies provided by RELIX and Thomson Reuters. On May 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 109 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Los Angeles Times Communications LLC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-10911)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 29, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Investigation Closing Reports related to sexual assault, sexual abuse, or harassment allegations at dedicated Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) facilities. On May 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 637 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Susan B. Long v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-02655)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 27, 2021, seeking records

pertaining to descriptive information contained in the current version of each of the following two databases: the Enforcement Integrated Database (EID) and the ICE Integrated Decision Support Database (IIDS). On May 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Jewish Legal News, Inc. v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-06241)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 4, 2023, seeking records from August 1, 2021, to August 1, 2023, pertaining to Hamas and Hezbollah crossings at the southern border. On May 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 68 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American First Legal Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-02168)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 13, 2021, seeking records pertaining to “written reports” referred to in the subsection titled “Weekly Reporting of All Enforcement and Removal Actions” in a memorandum from Tae D. Johnson to “All ICE Employees”. On May 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***HIRC. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-12030)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 11, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the use of solitary confinement in immigration detention. On May 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) re-released 162 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Justice for Immigrant Families v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-00929)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 30, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the scope and scale of detention in the Buffalo Field Office District (BFOD) and records regarding the treatment of people detained at Batavia, including accommodations for disabled people. On May 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the plaintiff 511 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***American Civil Liberties Union v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01795)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 13, 2023, seeking records pertaining to COVID-19 antiviral drugs from January 1, 2022, to the present. On May 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 149 pages of records to the plaintiff.

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- On May 16, 2024, **Jenny Anh**, a representative of **HunterBrook** in Annandale, Virginia, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records communications, or filings made by Archer-Daniels-Midland in rebuttal to the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA), along with any licenses, exemptions, or related communications submitted by Archer-Daniels-Midland for exemption from the UFLPA's import ban. (Case Number BP-FO-2024-109544)
- On May 17, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications by CBP leadership regarding an April 13, 2024, migrant speedboat encounter in Carlsbad, California. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-109779)
- On May 17, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America (CASA)** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to communications by USCG leadership regarding a recent report by the New York Post depicting an immigrant speedboat coming ashore in Carlsbad, California. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01860)
- On May 17, 2024, **Melissa del Bosque**, a representative of **Lighthouse Reports** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the circumstances of suspected or confirmed drowning deaths of immigrants in the Rio Grande between 2012 and 2023 near the U.S. and Mexico border. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01892)
- On May 18, 2024, **Breanna Morello**, a representative of **B. More Media LLC** in Delray Beach, Florida, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the audits of all private companies TSA is doing business with regarding their facial recognition program. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01138)
- On May 19, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **Vox Media** in New York, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records

pertaining to incurred expenses, costs, or receipts associated with the implementation or execution of Executive Order 14019 by the agency. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01141)

- On May 22, 2024, **Stephen Finan**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to email communications sent by Robert Silvers, the Under Secretary of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Christa Brzozowski, Assistant Secretary for Trade and Economic Security, and/or Blas Nunez-Neto, Assistant Secretary for Trade and Economic Security, where any of them mention "de minimis" or "Section 321" between July 1, 2023, and February 3, 2024. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01516)
- On May 22, 2024, **Colin Farnsworth**, a representative of the **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the number of total apprehensions by sector and citizenship from FY 2019 through the present. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-112670)
- On May 22, 2024, **Glen Stellmacher**, a private individual, requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to solicitations, contracts, orders, memorandums of understanding, payment applications, and invoices signed, received, or sent between FLETC and several organizations mentioned in the request. (Case number 2024-FLETC-FO-00142)
- On May 22, 2024, **Glen Stellmacher**, a private individual, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to solicitations, contracts, orders, memorandums of understanding, payment applications, and invoices signed, received, or sent between FEMA and several organizations mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00881)
- On May 22, 2024, **Amy Fan**, a representative of *Scripps News* in Cincinnati, Ohio, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to documents released under FOIA request ID: 2023-FEFO-00313, which concern information on denials and appeals in the Individual Assistance Program for all states and territories from January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2022. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00877)

**Late Requests:**

- On April 29, 2024, **Anne Kyi**, a representative of **Free Burma Society LLC** in Ashburn, Virginia, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to training given to Quality Assurance and Training Officers in the Asylum Division from FY 23 to the present. (Case Number COW 2024-003588)
- On May 2, 2024, **Scott Eustis**, a representative of the **Gulf Restoration Network** in New Orleans, Louisiana, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to a list or geographic information system (GIS) for the Louisiana Platforms in State Offshore Blocks to eliminate potential hazards associated with an ongoing gas and condensate leak. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01855)
- On May 10, 2024, **Nicole Rothwell**, a representative of *Futuro Media Group* in New York City, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records



pertaining to USCG reports regarding a case about an individual from November 1999. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01814)

- On May 10, 2024, **Monica Hunter-Hart**, a representative of *Forbes magazine* in Jersey City, New Jersey, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the A File of Michael Lehner, a professional hockey player for the Las Vegas Golden Knights. (Case Number ALF 2024-000623)
- On May 10, 2024, **Mike Howell**, a representative of **The Heritage Foundation/The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the A File for the late Amalija Knavs. The mother of Melania Trump. (Case Number ALF 2024-000627)
- On May 13, 2024, **Hannah Critchfield** a representative of *Tampa Bay Times* in St. Petersburg, Florida, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the H2B visa program from 2013 through the present. (Case Number OPQ 2024-000007)
- On May 15, 2024, **Hannah Critchfield** a representative of *Tampa Bay Times* in St. Petersburg, Florida, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the H2A visa program from 2013 through the present. (Case Number OPQ 2024-000008)
- On May 15, 2024, **Hamed Aleaziz**, a representative of *The New York Times* in Healdsburg, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to emails, memos, or correspondence regarding any mentions of "19 U.S. Code § 1459" or "1459" made in the Del Rio Sector of Border Patrol or at U.S. CBP headquarters, as well as records regarding "special interest aliens," between February 2021 and June 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-108538)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On May 16, 2024, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released to **Michael Howell**, a representative of **The Heritage Foundation** in Washington, D.C., 12 pages of records pertaining to calendar entries, flight history, congressional correspondence, and e-mail communications for Brandon Wales, Executive Director. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case number 2024-NPFO-00038)
- On May 16, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Nick Schwellenbach**, a representative of **Project on Government Oversight** in Charlottesville, Virginia, 4 pages of records pertaining to documented findings and recommendations from a department-wide working group on electronic message retention. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. (Case Number 2022-HQFO-01683)
- On May 16, 2024, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released to **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., a one-page record pertaining to email communications exchanged between Maryam Ali and Claire Trickler-

McNulty. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6 and 7(C). (Case Number 2024-NPFO-00031)

- On May 16, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Maria Perez**, a representative of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* in Brooklyn, New York, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to employers who petitioned to extend the status of TN visa holders for Mexican Citizens from 2004 through the present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2019-501375)
- On May 16, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Rebecca Santana**, a representative of *The Associated Press* in Washington, D.C., one Excel spreadsheet of aggregate data from the I-765 forms specifically for people who came to the United States on humanitarian parole from Ukraine, Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela on or after January 1, 2022. The records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2023-002159)
- On May 16, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Rebecca Santana**, a representative of *The Associated Press* in Washington, D.C., one Excel spreadsheet of aggregate data from the I-134A form, or any form, used before the introduction of I-134A regarding the processing of humanitarian parole applications for beneficiaries from Ukraine, Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela after January 1, 2022. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number COW 2023-002160)
- On May 16, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Nathan Collins**, a representative of *KERA News, the NPR affiliate for North Texas*, in Dallas, Texas, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to all Form I-918 Supplement B applications and I-914 applications in Texas from 2009 through 2023. The records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2023-002466)
- On May 16, 2023, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **David Bier**, a representative of the *Cato Institute* in Washington, D.C., a full denial in response to his request seeking records pertaining to arrests, apprehensions, or encounters of special interest aliens, known or suspected terrorists, or persons identified to be on a terrorist watch list or no fly list from FY2009 to FY2022. These records were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), 7(E) and 7(F). (Case Number CBP-2021-050123)
- On May 16, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Farnsworth**, a representative of the **Center for Immigration Studies (CIS)** in Washington, D.C., a no records determination in response to his request for all emails from September 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, sent from CBP to the following email domains: (1) @nomoredeaths.org; (2) @humaneborders.org; or (3) @Azcahc.org. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-004977)
- On May 17, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Colin Farnsworth**, a representative of the **Center for Immigration Studies (CIS)** in Washington, D.C., a one-page record pertaining to the number of individuals who

were issued a Notice to Appear – Public Health Charge. This record was released in full. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-017810)

- On May 17, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **John Washington**, a representative of the *Arizona Luminaria* in Tucson, Arizona, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to drug arrests at Arizona ports of entry from January 1, 2020, through April 15, 2024. This record was released in full. (Case Number CBP-2024-091673)
- On May 17, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Deepa Alagesan**, a representative of the **International Refugee Assistance Project**, in New York, New York, 265 pages of records pertaining to the Lesson Plan entitled, “Credible Fear of Persecution and Torture Determinations,” with a revision date of April 30, 2019. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 6. (Case Number COW 2019-500912)
- On May 17, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Marvin Vinluan**, a private individual in Vestal, New York, 192 pages of records pertaining to the A File for the late Katsu Aoki (AKA Katsu Nakamura and Katsu Hosono). The mother of the founder of Benihana restaurants, grandmother of world-famous DJ Steve Aoki and supermodel/actress Devon Aoki. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number NRC 2024-180502)
- On May 20, 2024, **Becky Bohrer**, a representative of *The Associated Press* in Juneau, Alaska, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the final investigation report on the charter boat tragedy that occurred on May 28, 2023, near Sitka, Alaska, and resulted in the deaths of five individuals. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01900)
- On May 20, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Michael Ding**, a representative of **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington D.C., a one-page record pertaining to a Twitter Verification for Kristie Canegallo. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-00355)
- On May 20, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Monique Madan**, a representative of *The Markup* in Miami, Florida, 219 pages of records pertaining to the use of Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) in Texas to combat human smuggling and trafficking from January 1, 2021, to December 22, 2023. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2024-036088)
- On May 21, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Farnsworth**, a representative of the **Center for Immigration Studies (CIS)** in Washington, D.C., a no records determination in response to his request for all emails from September 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, sent from CBP to several domains. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-007810)

- On May 21, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Sophia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of *inewssource* in San Diego, California, 3 pages of records pertaining to the Brown Field Station budget layout. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4 and 5. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-004934)
- On May 22, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Nick Baur**, a representative of the **Democratic National Convention** in Washington, D.C., a no records determination in response to his request for all email communications, including attachments, between 15 current and former Senior Leadership officials in CBP and Senator Mike Lee or any staff member in Senator Lee’s office. (Case Number CBP-FO-2022-019233)
- On May 22, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Melissa Federspill**, a representative of *Uvalde Leader-News* in Uvalde, Texas, a one-page record pertaining to the total number of vehicle pursuits CBP agents had in the Del Rio Sector, the total number of people killed as a result of a vehicle pursuit, and the total number of life-threatening injuries sustained from 2019 to 2023. The record was released in full. (Case Number CBP-2024-038322)
- On May 22, 2024, **Jessie Shifalo**, a representative of **Liskow & Lewis** in New Orleans, Louisiana, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the investigation of the August 29, 1980, collision of the BLUE NAGOYA into the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01916)
- On May 22, 2024, **Jessie Shifalo**, a representative of **Liskow & Lewis** in New Orleans, Louisiana, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the USCG review and approval of the design and location of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01917)
- On May 22, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Cecilia Kane**, a representative of **Colliers International** in Washington, D.C., 15 pages of records pertaining to DHS’ updated Work Environment Plan in response to OMB “Measuring, Monitoring, and Improving Organizational Health and Organizational Performance in the Context of Evolving Agency Work Environments” memorandum. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-01807)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

## VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *The Brennan Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-05372)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the Domestic Mantis Program or Domestic Mantis Initiative (DM; Forbidden Secrets; Project Campus Sentinel (PCS); Project Steady Stare (PS2); and Stella Sunrise Project (SSP). On May 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 9 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Immigration Council v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (21-cv-01642)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 21, 2021, seeking records pertaining to ICE's databases. On May 20, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel Spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01395)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to email communications sent to @fairus.org, @irli.org, @cis.org, @numbersusa, @theremembranceproject.org, @vdar.com, @heritage.org, kkobach@gmail.com, and kris@kriskobach.com. On May 20, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 329 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Center for Law and Justice v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01657) (2022-HQLI-00041)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 29, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the establishment of the Disinformation Governance Board. On May 20, 2024, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 401 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 401 pages, 252 pages are released in full, 69 pages are withheld in part, and 80 pages are withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *Lianet Alvarez Osorio v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (23-cv-03779)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on February 6, 2024, seeking records pertaining to the death of Idania Osorio Dominguez on January 2, 2023, in the Eagle Pass Soft Sided Facility. On May 20, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released 15 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Al Otro Lado v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)(22-cv-01280)* plaintiff filed a complaint on May 11, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the sharing of data collected in various DHS programs with various other government agencies and foreign governments. On May 20, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the second interim release, consisting of 109 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) (20-cv-02153)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on October 8, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of CBP personnel to protests, as a result of the death of George Floyd from May 25, 2020, through October 20, 2020. On May 20, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the twenty-fifth interim release, consisting of 240 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Leopold/Buzzfeed v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (18-cv-01523) (2018-HQLI-00033)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 11, 2018, seeking records pertaining to emails sent or received by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Ombudsman Julie Kirchner, including to and from her non-DHS email account; all meeting notes, minutes and summaries prepared by or for Ms. Kirchner; and her calendar, appointment book, and phone call log. On May 21, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released the 64th interim response consisting of 181 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Freddy Martinez v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-00341)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 8, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the scope, purpose, and objectives of Operation Palladium. On May 21, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 28 pages of records and 2 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-04760)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 29, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the treatment of hospitalized detainees and detainees released from custody before their death. On May 21, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 2,433 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-03560) (2023-HQLI-00014)*** plaintiff filed a complaint on November 22, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the Election Integrity Partnership. On May 21, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued its final response consisting of 3 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.
- In the matter of ***America First Legal Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01948) (2023-HQLI-00045)*** plaintiff filed a complaint on March 25, 2022, seeking records containing the words “Hunter” or “Hunter Biden.” On May 21, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released the sixth interim response, consisting of 6 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-00552) (2023-HQLI-00027)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 12, 2022, seeking records regarding CISA senior officials’ meetings on election security with the private sector and Election Infrastructure council groups. On May 22, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued an interim response consisting of 33 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, and 7(E).
- In the matter of ***American Immigration Council (AIC) and Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS) v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-05270)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on October 16, 2023, seeking records pertaining to CBP’s implementation of new border management measures that require asylum seekers at the southern border to

use CBP's smartphone application, known as CBP One. On May 22, 2024, U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the first interim release, consisting of 35 pages of records to the plaintiff.

### **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
May 23, 2024 – May 29, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
June 3, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).
- During this reporting period, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement updated the FOIA Library with new search capabilities that allow users to search by category, keyword, or phrase. The library was also reorganized from accordion-style to a chronological listing with the newest posts at the top. These enhancements are more user-friendly and allow requesters to easily locate publicly available records in less time.
  - On May 24, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the detention facility contracts for the Houston Contract Detention Facility (12 pages), Denver Contract Detention Facility (2 pages), El Paso Service Processing Center (SPC) (2 pages), GITMO SPC (6 pages), Krome SPC (6 pages), Buffalo SPC (7 pages), and Montgomery Processing Center (3 pages).
- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
- On May 23, 2024, **Luke Harold**, a private individual in San Diego, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to every collision that any San Diego Sector automobile has been involved in for the past five years. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-111924)
  - On May 23, 2024, **Emma Jones**, a representative of **Blank Rome, LLP** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the August 29, 1980, collision of the M/V BLUE NAGOYA into the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01898)
  - On May 23, 2024, **Eva McKend**, a representative of **CNN** in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the criteria and guidelines used by the Secret Service to determine eligibility for protection for presidential candidates. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01523)
  - On May 23, 2024, **Alex Xenos**, a representative of **Empower Oversight** in Fairfax, Virginia, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to FOIA request 2022-HQFO-00871, which concerned communications regarding an awarded contract between DHS and EcoHealth Alliance. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01520)



- On May 23, 2024, **Benjamin Wetmore**, a representative of **Project Veritas** in Mamaroneck, New York, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to email communications related to former DHS employee Nina Jankowicz from January 1, 2020, through May 23, 2024. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01521)
- On May 23, 2024, **Keith Armstrong**, a representative of **ACLU** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the detention and death of Frankline Okpu. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-37908)
- On May 23, 2024, **Jeremy Jong**, a representative of **Al Otro Lado** in Maywood, California, requested from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications between officials working in CBP's Office of the Commissioner or Policy Directorate and officials working in Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF) concerning unaccompanied children between February 1, 2024 through the present, and documents containing the term "Desarrollo Integral de la Familia," "DIF," or "Ruta Piloto de Protección Binacional" in effect on May 20, 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-112974)
- On May 23, 2024, **Rocio Castaneda**, a representative of **Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project** in Tuscon, Arizona, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the Death Investigation Report for Nanci Jazmin Gomez Gomez and Scarlett Victoria Gomez Gomez. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-113309)
- On May 24, 2024, **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of **inewssource.org** in San Diego, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to personnel records for all U.S. Border Patrol agents stationed in California between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2023. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114127)
- On May 24, 2024, **Andrew Free**, a representative of **Muckrock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) CBP's notification to CRCL regarding the death of Narendra Kayastha and the Significant Event Notification (SEN) and Significant Incident Report (SIR) regarding same death. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114173)
- On May 24, 2024, **Emma Jones**, a representative of **Blank Rome LLP**, in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to reports created by the Baltimore Harbor Safety and Coordination Committee from 2001 to the present. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01933)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) records pertaining to congressional correspondence and communications between Congressional Office or Committees including responses to congressional inquiries or oversight efforts. (Case Number 2024-IGFO-00102)

- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records from Joshua Salpeter, Legislative Affairs Specialist, Office of Legislative Affairs that were turned over to the House of Representatives or the Senate in response to Congressional subpoenas or requests for transcribed interviews; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01556)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records from Cursten Knott, Deputy Assistant Secretary for House Affairs, Office of Legislative Affairs that were turned over to the House of Representatives or the Senate in response to Congressional subpoenas or requests for transcribed interviews; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01554)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to documents turned over from DHS to the House of Representatives or the Senate in response to all Congressional subpoenas. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01547)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the full calendar export with all entries during business hours, or outside of business hours for Victoria Murrieta, Policy Advisor, Border, and Immigration Policy related; congressional correspondence and communications to/from Congressional Offices or Committees; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01545)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the full calendar export with all entries during business hours, or outside of business hours for Harlan C. Geer, Assistant Administrator/Executive Director for Strategy, Policy and Innovation; congressional correspondence and communications to/from Congressional Offices or Committees; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01544)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the full calendar export with all entries during business hours, or outside of business hours for Jared E. Lang, Special Advisor; Congressional correspondence and communications to/from Congressional Offices or Committees; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01543)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records

pertaining to the full calendar export with all entries during business hours, or outside of business hours for Sharmistha Das, Deputy Chief of Staff; Congressional correspondence and communications to/from Congressional Offices or Committees; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01542)

- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the full calendar export with all entries during business hours, or outside of business hours for Robert Silvers, Under Secretary for Strategy; Congressional correspondence and communications to/from Congressional Offices or Committees; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01541)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the full calendar export with all entries during business hours, or outside of business hours for Kelli Ann Burriesci, Deputy Under Secretary for Strategy; Congressional correspondence and communications to/from Congressional Offices or Committees; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01540)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the full calendar export with all entries during business hours, or outside of business hours for Adam M. Hunter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Immigration; Congressional correspondence and communications to/from Congressional Offices or Committees; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01539)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the full calendar export with all entries during business hours, or outside of business hours for Lucian D. Sikorskyj, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Counterterrorism and Threat Prevention; Congressional correspondence and communications to/from Congressional Offices or Committees; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01538)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the full calendar export with all entries during business hours, or outside of business hours for Alexandra M. S. Carnes, Senior Advisor, Border and Immigration Policy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans; Congressional correspondence and communications to/from Congressional Offices or Committees; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01536)

- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the full calendar export with all entries during business hours, or outside of business hours for Zephranie Buetow, Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs; Congressional correspondence and communications to/from Congressional Offices or Committees; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01535)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the full calendar export with all entries during business hours, or outside of business hours for Kristie Canegallo, Deputy Secretary (Acting); Congressional correspondence and communications to/from Congressional Offices or Committees; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01531)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the full calendar export with all entries during business hours, or outside of business hours for Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security; flight logs for all travel in any official capacity; Congressional correspondence and communications to/from Congressional Offices or Committees; communications to/from several email domains mentioned in the request. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01529)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Commissioner Troy A. Miller for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114375)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Pete R. Flores Deputy Commissioner, for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114376)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from James McCament, Chief Operating Officer, for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114377)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and a calendar export from Stephanie Talton, Deputy Assistant Commissioner,

Congressional Affairs, for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114378)

- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to images or videos of seized fentanyl taken by the Border Patrol during the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114380)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the number of encounters between Border Patrol officers, agents, or contractors and Iranian, Venezuelan, North Korean, or Chinese nationals for April 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114382)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) all communications from Daniel Alonso, Port Director, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114392)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications from Diane Sabatino, Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114393)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications from AnneMarie Highsmith, Executive Assistant Commissioner, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114394)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications from Ryan J. Scudder, Executive Assistant Commissioner, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114395)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications from Casey O. Durst, Executive Assistant Commissioner, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114396)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications from Peter Bachelier, Port Director, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114398)

- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) all communications from Ken Bagwell, Port Director, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114399)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications from Rhonda Lawson, Branch Chief, HQ Press Office, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114400)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications from Justin Long, Deputy Director of Media Relations, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114401)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications from Cecilia Barred, Southwest Branch Chief, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114402)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications from Tammy Melvin, HQ Press Officer, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114403)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications from Michael Mascari, HQ Press Officer, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114404)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications from Jessica Turner, HQ Press Officer, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure', for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114405)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications from James Yocum, HQ Press Officer, sent mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114406)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

communications from Nathaniel Kain, Chief of Staff, sent mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114407)

- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications from Maya Kamar, Deputy Executive Director, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114408)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications from Clint Lamm, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114409)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications from James Mandryck, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114410)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications from Timothy Quinn, Executive Director sent mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114411)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications from Ashton Washington, Chief of Law Enforcement Affairs, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114412)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications from Marc Weinberger, Assistant Chief Counsel, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114413)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications from Kristie Canaegello, Acting Deputy Secretary, mentioning 'cartel', 'cartels', 'fentanyl', 'cocaine', drugs' and 'seizure,' for the month of May 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114414)
- On May 27, 2024, **Andrew Free**, a journalist with *Muckrock News* in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) CBP's response to NARA regarding the October 26, 2021, unauthorized disposition of

federal records at issue in case UD-2022-0001\_DHS-CBP\_OpenLetter. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-114632)

- On May 28, 2024, **Benjamin Wetmore**, a representative of *Project Veritas* in Grand Ledge, Michigan, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the use and effectiveness of the CBP One application. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-115175)
- On May 28, 2024, **David Maass**, a representative of *Muckrock News* in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to prepared remarks and video recordings by Jason Owens, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, for the Border Security Expo on May 21, 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-115358)
- On May 28, 2024, **Austin Fast**, a representative of *USA Today* in McLean, Virginia, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to an updated version of the Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE) database published by the USCG on or around July 6, 2015. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01963)
- On May 28, 2024, **Dave Mass**, a private individual in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to prepared remarks and video recordings by Benjamine C. Huffman for the Border Security Expo on May 21, 2024. (Case number 2024-FLETC-FO-00150)
- On May 28, 2024, **Mia Cathell**, a private individual in Arlington, Virginia, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) grant awarded to the Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL), including the grantee application SMYAL submitted. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00917)
- On May 28, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the calendar entries and congressional correspondence of TSA Administrator David Pekoske's for May 2024. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01173)
- On May 28, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to records produced by TSA in response to FOIA litigations for May 2024. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01176)
- On May 28, 2024, **Jim Baumbach**, a representative of *Newsday* in Melville, New York, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to security breaches involving people who attempted to evade security, whether they were successful, at MacArthur Airport in Islip, New York, from January 1, 2020, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01182)
- On May 29, 2024, **Amy Fan**, a representative of *Scripps News* in Cincinnati, Ohio, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to denials and appeals in the Individual Assistance Program for all states and territories from January 1, 2012, to present. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00923)



- On May 29, 2024, **Colin Amot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the vacancy and occupancy rates of the headquarters building from January 1, 2023, to December 2023. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01576)
- On May 30, 2024, **David Joyce**, a representative of *Muckrock News* in Boston Massachusetts, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to a list of all points of contact or contracting officers and their contact info including emails for both simplified acquisitions and micro purchasing at FEMA covering the entire Agency. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00931)

**Late Requests:**

- Nothing significant to report

**III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On May 23, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., 233 pages of records pertaining to training materials presented to agency employees or contractors between January 1, 2021, and December 2023 mentioning 'DEI', 'Transgender', 'Equity', or 'Pronouns'. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00066)
- On May 23, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Farnsworth**, a representative of the **Center for Immigration Studies (CIS)** in Washington, D.C., a no records determination in response to his request for all emails sent from Yuma Station personnel from September 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, to the email domains: (1) @nomoredeaths.org; (2) @humaneborders.org; or (3) @Azcahc.org. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-007814)
- On May 23, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Farnsworth**, a representative of the **Center for Immigration Studies (CIS)** in Washington, D.C., a no records determination in response to his request for documents relating to the agency's use of artificial intelligence (AI) and algorithms for its administration and/or processing of FOIA requests, including generating responses to FOIA requests from January 1, 2018, to May 22, 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-028826)
- On May 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Matt Kennicott**, a representative of *The Plug* in Socorro, New Mexico, 109 pages of records pertaining to seizures of cannabis products from January 2024 to April 2024. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2024-086968)
- On May 29, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., 44 pages of records pertaining to Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) or administrative policies, mentioning 'transgender', 'gender affirming', 'pronoun' or 'usage'. Portions of this

release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00068)

- On May 29, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., 2 pages of records pertaining to the number of full-time employees (FTE) covered under the agency telework agreements as of January 2024. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00070)
- On May 29, 2024, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released to **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., 17 pages of records pertaining to a list of the oldest 50 FOIA's still open with the Agency including the request date, request body/text, and requestor. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-NPFO-00442)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Documented (NY) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-03142) (2022-HQLI-00013)* plaintiff filed a complaint on December 2, 2021, seeking records pertaining to DHS Secretary Decision Papers issued or published on or after January 1, 2017, to present. On May 23, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued a supplemental response consisting of 7 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 5.
- In the matter of *Oona Hathaway v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-01011) (2021-HQLI-00043)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 29, 2020, seeking records held by DHS's Office of the General Counsel (OGC) pertaining to nonbinding international understandings and arrangements for the period from January 1, 1989, to December 31, 2019. On May 23, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 10 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Thomas Caldwell v. Mayorkas (23-cv-03809) (2024-HQLI-00021)* plaintiff filed a complaint on December 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to DHS communications and correspondences to or from Almarie Lavern Caldwell including communications addressing her as a third party with several DHS employees from October 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023. On May 24, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued its first interim response consisting of 250 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5,6 and 7(E)

- In the matter of *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-03368)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 13, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications and records sent or received by any person in Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) at ICE headquarters regarding the ICE FY 2021 Enforcement and Removal Operations Report. On May 24, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 506 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the *Immigrant Defense Project v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-01153)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 10, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the creation, implementation, or oversight of supervision programs including the Orders of Supervision Program (OSUP) and the Alternative to Detention (ATD) Program, Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) and the ATD Case Management Pilot Program from December 19, 2019, to the present. On May 24, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 797 pages of records and 2 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *AIC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-02250)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 21, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the current Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA) that services the Detention Facility. On May 24, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 3 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Haitian Bridge v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08344)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 1, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the federal government’s policies, directives, and actions relating to the treatment and processing of migrants in Del Rio in September 2021, and the unlawful expulsion of thousands of such migrants. On May 24, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 3 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Elizabeth Jordan v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02681)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 13, 2023, seeking records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On May 24, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 232 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *America First Legal Foundation v. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) (22-cv-01255) (2023-HQLI-00004)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 4, 2022, seeking records relating to CISA’s Countering Foreign Influence Task Force (CFITF), “Mis-, Dis-, and Malinformation” (MDM) team, policies and directives relating to the 2020 election. On May 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 317 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 317 pages, 286 pages were released in full, 14 pages were released in part pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, and 17 pages were withheld in full pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5.
- In the matter of *Transgender Law Center v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-02153)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 19, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the detention of a transgender or intersex person in

existence on or after January 1, 2015; any policies, procedures, guidelines, instructions, quotas or other materials concerning detention of transgender or intersex person during the COVID-19 pandemic from January 1, 2020 to present. On May 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 44 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Al Otro Lado v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01525)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to agency FOIA logs from October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2021. On May 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1073 pages of records to the plaintiff.

### **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
May 30, 2024, to June 5, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
June 10, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- On May 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the detention facility compliance inspection for Randall County Jail, Amarillo, TX (April 2-4, 2024) (13 pages).
- On May 31, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the detention facility compliance inspection for Saint Clair County Jail, Point Huron, MI (April 2-4, 2024) (10 pages).
- On June 3, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the detention facility compliance inspections for Calhoun County Correctional Center in Battle Creek, MI (April 9-11, 2024) (8 pages) and the Seneca County Jail in Tiffin, OH (April 30-May 2, 2024) (9 pages).
- On June 4, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the detention facility compliance inspection for Collier County Naples Jail Center in Naples, FL (April 9-11, 2024) (7 pages).

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On May 29, 2024, **Hilary Beaumont**, a private individual in Los Angeles, California, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to internal reports for USCG District Seven from May 1, 2020, to the present pertaining to migrant voyages during hurricane season; all records relating to the search, rescue and recovery of a migrant vessel that capsized in the vicinity of Stock Island, Florida, between September 28, 2022, and October 2, 2022, during Hurricane Ian; and, a search for records relating to hurricanes that passed near or through popular migration routes in the USCG District Seven incidents. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01978)
- On May 29, 2024, **Glen Stellmacher**, a representative of **Hard-Pressed Media LLC** in Brooklyn, New York, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to all solicitations, contracts, orders, memorandums of understanding, payment applications, and invoices signed, received, or sent between U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and several companies. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-38724)
- On May 30, 2024, **David Joyce**, a representative of **Muckrock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to a comprehensive list of all USCG contracting officers along with their email addresses for micro-purchases and streamlined acquisitions. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01975)

- On May 30, 2024, **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics** in Concord, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the current manuals describing how to use the Analysis and Referral Management (ARM) system. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-116883)
- On May 30, 2024, **David Joyce**, a representative of **Muck Rock News** in Boston, Massachusetts requested of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to points of contact or contracting officers and their contact info including emails for both simplified acquisitions and micro purchasing at Federal Law Enforcement Training Center covering the entire Agency. (Case number 2024-FLETC-FO-00151)
- On May 30, 2024, **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics** in Concord, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to forecasts of cases identified by the Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force from January 1, 2020, to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-116902)
- On May 30, 2024, **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics** in Concord, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) the most recent Workload Staffing Model for the forced labor division and any report provided to GAO on staffing and resource levels for the forced labor division from January 1, 2020, to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-116974)
- On May 30, 2024, **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics** in Concord, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to written guidance or manuals on how to use the forced labor allegations case management system created between January 1, 2020, to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-116978)
- On May 30, 2024, **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics** in Concord, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the status of all forced labor investigations from January 1, 2020, to the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-116985)
- On May 31, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America (CASA)** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to communications about sensitive language and its effects on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives by the specified senior leadership. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-01981)
- On June 3, 2024, **Jonathan Lowy**, a representative of **Global Action on Gun Violence** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to firearms seized by CBP from individuals near the Mexican border from January 1, 2010, to June 3, 2024, including the number of firearms seized, manufacturer, model, caliber, and type of firearm. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-118315)
- On June 3, 2024, **Dhruv Mehrotra**, a representative of **WIRED** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the materials used during a training event where the newly formed Del Rio

Sector Mobile Response Team paired up with the Special Operations Detachment for mobile field force training. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-118499)

- On June 4, 2024, **Mia Cathell**, a private individual in San Antonio, Texas, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to performance and progress reports submitted by the City of San Antonio. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00943)
- On June 4, 2024, **Mia Cathell**, a private individual in San Antonio, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) seeking records pertaining to performance and progress reports submitted by Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00942)
- On June 6, 2024, **Mike Smith**, a private individual in New Orleans, Louisiana, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to after-action reports related to disaster declaration EM-3600-LA (Louisiana Seawater Intrusion). (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00952)

#### **Late Requests:**

- On May 1, 2024, **Jason Hopkins**, a representative of *The Daily Caller News Foundation* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to proposals to resettle Palestinians from Gaza into the U.S., from February 1, 2024, through May 1, 2024. (Case Number COW 2024-003648)
- On May 10, 2024, **Ella Cleveland**, a representative of the **Louise Trauma Center LLC** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the USCIS FOIA Processing Guide that was in effect on September 6, 2023. (Case Number COW 2024-003852)

### **III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On May 24, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Alex Calzareth**, a private individual, in New York, New York, 115 pages of records pertaining to the A-File for the late Herbert Kroemer. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number NRC 2024-194313)
- On May 30, 2024, The Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released a no-records final response to **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., pertaining to documents sufficient to detail all incurred expenses, costs, or receipts associated with the implementation or execution of Executive Order 14019 by the agency. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00137)
- On May 31, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., 2 Excel

spreadsheets and 212 pages of records pertaining to communications sent from Nejwa Ali mentioning "Israel", "Hammas", "Palestine", "Jew", "Semitic", "Apartheid", or "dailywire.com" from July 1, 2016, through the present. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 2, 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number COW 2023-007387)

- On May 31, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Warren**, a representative of **Institute for Justice** in Arlington, Virginia, 25 pages of records pertaining to several tort claims. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-134610)
- On May 31, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **James Sherk**, a representative of the **America First Policy Institute**, 36 pages of records pertaining to e-mail communications between employees of the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) that were either sent to, or received from, the e-mail domains @fb.com, @google.com, and/or @twitter.com. The 36 pages for release are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-01050)
- On June 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Kayla R Young**, a representative of **WFAE** in Charlotte, North Carolina, 50 pages of records pertaining to the number of monthly Border Patrol apprehensions and arrests in the state of North Carolina from January 1, 2019, to May 31, 2022. This record was released in full. (Case Number CBP-2022-094573)
- On June 4, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., a one-page record pertaining to encounter statistics between Border Patrol officers, agents, or contractors and Iranian, Venezuelan, North Korean, or Chinese nationals for February 2024. This record was released in full. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-067965)
- On June 4, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., a one-page record pertaining to encounter statistics between Border Patrol officers, agents, or contractors and Iranian, Venezuelan, North Korean, or Chinese nationals for April 2024. This record was released in full. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-098706)
- On June 4, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **John Washington**, a representative of **The Intercept** in Tucson, Arizona, 2 pages of records pertaining to emails exchanged in April 2014 between James Tomscheck, then Chief of Internal Affairs, Kevin McAleenan, then-deputy Commissioner of CBP and Gil Kerlikowske. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case number CBP-2019-083225)
- On June 4, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Ben Wermund**, a representative of the **Houston Chronicle** in Arlington, Virginia, 9 pages of records pertaining to communications between DHS Political appointees and Texas Department of Public Safety officials from September 1, 2021, to the present including the terms "Del Rio," "International Bridge," and "Haiti." Portions of the



release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7(E). (Case number CBP-2022-000683)

- On June 4, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Churchill Ndonwie**, a representative of **Columbia Journalism Investigations** in New York, New York, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to apprehension data for FY 2023. This record was released in full. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-007370)
- On June 5, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Austin R. Evers**, a representative of the **American Oversight** in Washington, D.C., 6,522 pages of records pertaining to email communications between several organizations and Kris Kobach. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2019-500458)
- On June 5, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Kennji Kizubka**, a representative of **Human Rights First** in New York, New York, 2,687 pages of records pertaining to fear screenings for cases referred through the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP). Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number COW 2019-501460)
- On June 5, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Joseph Lloyd**, a private individual, a full denial in regard to his request for all photographs, video and audio collected in relation to the investigation into the Robb Elementary School shooting on May 24, 2022, in Uvalde, Texas. These records were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(A). (Case number CBP-FO-2024-027913)
- On June 5, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Matthew Petti**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, 2 pages of traveler records for a deceased individual, Erik van Sabben. These records were released in full. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-070821)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Center to Advance Security in America v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01934) (2022-HQLI-00049)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on July 5, 2022, seeking records created in the development, approval process, and final decision to change the mission and name of the reorganized Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3). On May 30, 2024, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released a supplemental response, consisting of 132 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.

- In the matter of *Owners of America, Inc. and Gun Owners Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01617) (2022-HQLI-00038)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 5, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the creation of the Disinformation Governance Board. On May 30, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 114 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Civil Liberties Union v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-03204)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 20, 2020, seeking records pertaining to Mortality Reviews created by the Immigrant Health Service Corps (IHSC) regarding the death of Anthony Jones also known as Henry Missick. On May 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 180 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Center for Law and Justice v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-00355)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 17, 2021, seeking records pertaining to border-related human trafficking and exploitation of women and children, the cancelation or postponement of Operation Talon, and taking down CBP's press release on arrest of persons on the FBI's terrorism watch list. On May 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 390 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Noelle Llamas and Ken Klippenstein v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (21-cv-01169)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 1, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of law enforcement assets by ICE during May 25, 2020, to August 15, 2020. On May 31, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 545 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Black Alliance v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-06239)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 10, 2021, requesting records about ICE's use of force, solitary confinement, access to medical treatment, and other conditions that impact Black immigrants in ICE detention. On May 31, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 721 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Justice and Diversity Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08902)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on July 12, 2022, seeking records pertaining to emails, policy guidance, training, and other government records related to the Dedicated Docket Program for family immigration cases at the Southwest Border. On May 31, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 77 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Haitian Bridge Alliance v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08344) (2023-HQLI-00001)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the treatment of 15,000 Haitian migrants in Del Rio, Texas, in September 2021. On May 31, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 148 pages of records to the

plaintiff. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number HQ

- In the matter of the ***Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and Al Otro Lado (AOL) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (19-cv-03438)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 31, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the screening, inspection, or processing of unaccompanied non-citizen children on the Southern border from May 2018 through the present. Plaintiff filed suit on November 15, 2019, claiming injunctive relief. On May 31, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its interim response consisting of 286 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the ***State of Florida v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-14462)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the impacts of DHS's September 30, 2021, immigration enforcement guidance. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2021, claiming injunctive relief. On May 31, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its 23rd interim response consisting of 119 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter ***Reclaim the Records v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), (23-cv-01997)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to email communication sent to or from Tammy Meckley, Associate Director, Immigration Records and Identity Services Directorate, that contain any of the following words: genealogy, geneology, genealogist, genealogists, geneologist, geneologists, from January 1, 2015, through February 12, 2021. On May 31, 2024, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 289 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-10479)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 24, 2021, seeking records pertaining to humanitarian parole applications and adjudication in the State of Arizona, from January 1, 2016, through the present. Plaintiff filed suit on March 2, 2023, to compel U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to release records. On May 31, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its fourth interim release consisting of 139 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the ***Project on Government Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02662)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 28, 2017, seeking records pertaining to use of force incident reports. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2023, claiming injunctive and declaratory relief. On June 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its fifth interim response, consisting of 795 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Heritage Foundation v. FBI (23-cv-02882) (2024-HQLI-00001)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on July 13, 2022, seeking records from individuals within: DHS immediate Office of the Secretary; Office of Intelligence and Analysis; Office of Homeland Security Situational Awareness; Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; Office of Partnership and Engagement; and the Office for Civil

Rights and Civil Liberties containing the keywords “splcenter.org,” “Moms for Liberty,” “Tiffany Justice,” or “Tina Descovich”. On June 3, 2024, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released a supplemental response consisting of 275 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.

- In the matter of ***Partially Important Productions LLC v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), (23-cv-02145)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 19, 2023, seeking records pertaining to communications sent or received by DHS employees referencing the use of the song "God Bless the USA" by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). On June 3, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 622 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Project on Government Oversight, Inc. v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (19-cv-03372)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 7, 2019, seeking records pertaining to communications between government officials and representatives of Amazon regarding facial recognition technology. On June 3, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 149 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Immigrant Legal Resource Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-09208)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 14, 2021, pertaining to weekly reports ICE field offices are required to provide to the Office of the Director, the Office of the Deputy Director, and the Office of Policy and Planning (OPP) pursuant to the Johnson memorandum. On June 3, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***State of Tennessee v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-00068)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 23, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the release of single adult ICE detainees in Tennessee from November 1, 2022, to the present. On June 3, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 4 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-07038)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 7, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the use of third-party providers for social media monitoring operations. On June 3, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 385 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Project South v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-03205-SEG)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 12, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the medical care of women in ICE custody at the Stewart Detention Center (SDC) in Lumpkin, Georgia. On June 4, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 425 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the ***Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (23-cv-01115)*** plaintiff filed a complaint on April 21, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the use of the CBP One Mobile Application to apply for

humanitarian parole. On June 4, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the eighth interim release, consisting of 4 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***IIUSA v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (24-cv-00803)*** plaintiff filed FOIA requests between March 2023, and February 2024, seeking records pertaining to Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals. On June 5, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 15 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Federation for American Immigration Reform v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-03136) (2024-HQLI-00012)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 26, 2023, seeking records pertaining to DHS initiatives that identify and returns previously deported non-citizens. On June 5, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 7 pages of records to the plaintiff.

### **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
June 6, 2024-June 12, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
June 17, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On June 6, 2024, **Harrison Mick**, a private individual, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to Dr. Thomas McGinn's official DHS personnel records including any performance evaluations from 2017 to the present. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01618)
- On June 6, 2024, **Harrison Mick**, a private individual, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to any data located on the computer that was issued to Dr. Thomas McGinn by DHS from January 1, 2017, to the present. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01619)
- On June 6, 2024, **Harrison Mick**, a private individual, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the withholding, release, review, search, movement, or shipment of Dr. Thomas McGinn's personal belongings, personal items, and artifacts that were in his office upon his placement on leave. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01620)
- On June 6, 2024, **Harrison Mick**, a private individual, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between the DHS Ethics Office, DHS Management, DHS Human Resources (HR), the DHS Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) Office, or the DHS Personnel Security Division regarding Dr. Thomas McGinn from January 1, 2017, to present. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01621)
- On June 6, 2024, **Harrison Mick**, a private individual, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to Dr. Thomas McGinn's relationships, interactions, and communications with DHS contractors. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01622)
- On June 6, 2024, **Harrison Mick**, a private individual, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the investigation, suspension, and/or revocation of Dr. McGinn's security clearance or his access to sensitive information. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01623)

- On June 7, 2024, **Jack Chang**, a private individual in Walnut, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the Withhold Release Orders (WRO) placed on the Hoshine Silicon Industry in 2021. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-120796)
- On June 7, 2024, **Rozanne Lopez**, a representative of **The Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division** in Austin, Texas, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to all e-mail and text communications between Carlos Rodriguez (Port Director for Hidalgo Port of Entry) or Gloria I. Chavez (Chief Patrol Agent, U.S. Border Patrol, Rio Grande Valley Sector) and Norma Pimentel of Catholic Charities Rio Grande Valley, using the terms “Norma Pimentel,” “Pimentel,” “Sister Norma,” “Sr. Norma,” “Sister Pimentel,” or “Sr. Pimentel,” between the dates of January 1, 2023 and March 4, 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-121081)
- On June 8, 2024, **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics** in Concord, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to evidence that Sime Darby Plantation Berhad in Malaysia no longer produces palm oil and its derivative products using forced labor. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-121516)
- On June 9, 2024, **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics** in Concord, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the evaluation of Premium Tobacco Malawi Limited’s (PTML) social compliance program and their efforts to identify and minimize the risks of forced labor in their supply chain. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-121597)
- On June 9, 2024, **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics** in Concord, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the use of forced labor in Chambers Federation’s artisanal and small-scale gold mines in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). (Case number CBP-FO-2024-121598)
- On June 10, 2024, **Tim Marchman**, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to meetings held by the Executive Steering Committee on July 11, 2023, August 15, 2023, October 10, 2023, January 11, 2024, and February 29, 2024. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00966)
- On June 10, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to oversight on plans to screen, process, and transport refugees to the United States. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01239)
- On June 10, 2024, **Karen Goll**, a private individual, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the email history and communications between several senior DHS officials and any external organization. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01644)



- On June 10, 2024, **Karen Goll**, a private individual, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to calendar entries of several senior DHS officials from January 1, 2017, and January 31, 2021. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01646)
- On June 11, 2024, **David Joyce**, a representative of *Muckrock News* in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to the FEMA Liaison profile for Joyce Communications LLC. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-00963)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Emily Suzanne Hymowitz, Director Headquarters, Office of Legislative Affairs and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01660)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Chloe I. Himmel, Chief of Staff, Office of Legislative Affairs and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01661)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Erin M. Waters, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Public Affairs and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01662)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Brent Anthony Robinson, Director of Strategic Engagement, Office of Public Affairs and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01663)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Tammy L. Howard, Chief of Staff for Public Affairs, Office of Public Affairs and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01664)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Alexandra M. S. Carnes, Senior Advisor, Border and Immigration Policy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01665)

- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Jason D. Mayer, Senior Counselor to the Under Secretary for Policy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01666)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Lucian D. Sikorskyj, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Counterterrorism and Threat Prevention, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01667)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Adam M. Hunter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Immigration, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01668)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Kelli Ann Burriesci, Deputy Under Secretary for Strategy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01669)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Robert Silvers, Under Secretary for Strategy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01670)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Sharmistha Das, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01671)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Jared E. Lang, Special Advisor, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01672)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records

pertaining to communications between Harlan C. Geer, Assistant Administrator/Executive Director for Strategy, Policy and Innovation, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01673)

- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Victoria Murrieta, Policy Advisor, Border and Immigration Policy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01674)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Eric N. Hysen, Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01675)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Jennifer C. Daskal, Senior Advisor, Office of the General Counsel and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01676)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Nathaniel L. Snyder, Chief of Staff for Partnership and Engagement, Partnership and Engagement to/from the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01677)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Jamie E. Lyons Lawrence, Deputy Assistant Secretary Private Sector Office, Partnership and Engagement and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01678)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Charanya Krishnaswami, Counselor (Immigration), Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01683)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Heather J. Fong, Assistant Secretary for State

and Local Law Enforcement, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01684)

- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Anil K. Dewan, Co-Lead, DHS AI Task Force, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01685)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Anna P. McMahon, Senior Advance Officer, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01686)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications to/from Kara M. Lynam, Deputy General Counsel, Immediate Office of the Secretary to/from the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01688)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Saraswati P. Shah, Special Assistant, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01692)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Samantha Vinograd, Senior Counselor to the Secretary, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01691)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Steven C. Feder, Chief of Staff, Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01694)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Stacy A. Marcott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Immediate Office of the Secretary between the email domains \*@demos.org,

\*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01695)

- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Olivia Grace Meyer, Management and Program Analyst, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01697)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Brenda Fathy Abdelall, Senior Counselor to the Secretary, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01698)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01699)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Randolph D. Alles, Deputy Under Secretary for Management, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01706)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Scott Thomas Genzink, Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01707)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Phyllis A. Coven, CIS Ombudsman, Immediate Office of the Secretary, and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01708)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Padmavathi Ganduri, Special Advisor to the Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01709)

- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Jacob H. Braun, Senior Advisor, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01710)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Marcella Monet Richardson, Associate Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01711)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Jonathan E. Meyer, General Counsel, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01712)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Michelle Brane, Executive Director, Family Reunification Task Force, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01713)
- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between Cass Robert Sunstein, Senior Advisor, Immediate Office of the Secretary and the email domains \*@demos.org, \*@adl.org, \*@splcenter.org, or \*@civilrights.org. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01715)

**Late Requests:**

- On May 10, 2024, **Nicole Rothwell**, a representative of *Futuro Studios of Futuro Media Group* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the 1999-2000 Elián González case. (Case Number COW 2024-003866)
- On May 14, 2024, **Julia Gelatt**, a representative of the **Migration Policy Institute** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to information for individuals approved for a green card for Lawful Permanent Residence in FY 2023 through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-003949)
- On May 14, 2024, **Casey Swegman**, a representative of the **Tahirih Justice Center** in Falls Church, Virginia, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

(USCIS) records pertaining to training materials used to train employees and staff of USCIS HART Service Center. (Case Number COW 2024-003955)

- On May 15, 2024, **Ella Cleveland**, a representative of the **Louise Trauma Center LLC** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the revised guidance to asylum officers to consider whether an asylum seeker could reasonably relocate to another part of the country of feared persecution when assessing claims of future persecution in all credible fear cases. (Case Number COW 2024-003977)
- On May 16, 2024, **Anne Kyi**, a representative of the **Free Burman Society** in Ashburn, Virginia, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the revised guidance to asylum officers to consider whether an asylum seeker could reasonably relocate to another part of the country of feared persecution when assessing claims of future persecution in all credible fear cases. (Case Number COW 2024-003991)
- On May 17, 2024, **Karl Wong**, a representative of **The Chaser News** in Hitchin, England, United Kingdom, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Asylum Seekers from Hong Kong to the U.S. from 2014 through 2024. (Case Number COW 2024-004047)
- On May 22, 2024, **Aaron Siri**, a representative of the **Siri Glimstad Law Firm** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to emails sent and received by Nebraska Service Center Director Loren Miller and Hartford Field Office Director Joshua Sutton between October 1, 2021, through the present containing the terms: vaccine, waiver, church, and tenant. (Case Number COW 2024-004130)
- On June 5, 2024, **Will Evans**, a representative of **The Examination** in Oakland, California, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to enforcement actions, fines and referrals from the Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance from January 1, 2020, to the present. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02032)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On June 6, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Daniel Telvock**, a representative of **WIVB** in Buffalo, New York, a full denial regarding his request for a copy of CBP's Office of Professional Responsibility investigation of the use of deadly force on April 2, 2023, in which agents shot Joel Inbody. These records were withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(A). (Case number CBP-FO-2024- 029411)
- On June 6, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Kara Bell**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., 11 pages of records pertaining to the implementation and use of virtual communication tools and meeting platforms. Portions of this response are being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number 2023-HQFO-02358)

- On June 10, 2024, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released to **Matthew Petti**, a representative of *Muckrock News* in Boston, Massachusetts, 6 pages of records pertaining to the CommuteAir leak, the preceding hack or subsequent fallout. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-NPFO-00148)
- On June 11, 2024, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released to **Chris Nelson**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., 18 pages of records pertaining to meetings between the company TikTok and several senior CISA Officials from June 2019 to the present. Portions of this release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-NPFO-00084)
- On June 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Yvette Changuin**, a representative of *RAICES* in San Antonio, Texas, a full denial regarding her request for records pertaining to the disciplinary recommendations by CBP’s Disciplinary Review Board on the September 19, 2021 incident involving Border Patrol Horse Patrol Units near the Del Rio port of entry. These records were withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case number CBP-FO-2023-101426)
- On June 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Patrick Anderson**, a representative of the **Providence Journal** in Providence, Rhode Island, a no records response to his request for the total annual capital expenditures, operating expenditures, and budget for TF Green Federal Inspection Station. (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-143878)
- On June 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of *inewssource* in San Diego, California 18 pages of records pertaining to Standard Form 95 submitted to the San Diego Office of Chief Counsel from January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-007025)
- On June 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **SangYeob Kim**, a representative of the **American Civil Liberties Union** in Concord, New Hampshire, a no records response to her request for records pertaining to the number of apprehensions that occurred in New Hampshire—including the New Hampshire counties of the Swanton sector. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-106765)
- On June 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Matthew Petti**, a representative of *MuckRock*, in Boston, Massachusetts, a no records response to his request for traveler records for the deceased individual, Mohammad Taghi Mesbah-Yazdi. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-072437)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.



## V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

## VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Partially Important Productions, LLC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, (23-cv-02145) (2023-HQLI-00046)* plaintiff filed a complaint on July 24, 2023, seeking records pertaining to communications sent or received by DHS employees referencing the use of the song "God Bless the USA" by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). On June 7, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 153 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *Bloomberg, L.P. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (24-cv-00596)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 3, 2023, seeking records pertaining to beneficiary-level records on H-1B lottery registrations and I-129 petitions, from lottery season FY2021 (lottery conducted in 2020) to lottery season FY2024 (lottery conducted in 2023). On June 10, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 6 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-00355)* plaintiff's FOIA request was referred to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on January 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to human trafficking and related email correspondence. Plaintiff filed suit on February 9, 2022, claiming injunctive relief. On June 10, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its fifteenth interim response, consisting of 49 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Patrick Eddington v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (18-cv-01185)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 28, 2015, seeking records pertaining to confrontations with persons at internal CBP checkpoints operated to conduct immigration inspections. Plaintiff filed suit claiming injunctive relief. On June 10, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released 78 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-01171) (2021-HQLI-00032)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 31, 2019, seeking records exchanged with the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City regarding Migrant Protection Protocols. On June 11, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office will release 37 pages of records to the plaintiff. Thirty pages are released in full. Seven pages are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6 and 7(E).
- In the matter of *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-02015) (2022-HQLI-00047)* plaintiff filed a complaint on May 5, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the formation of the Disinformation Governance Board. On June 11, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office will release 7 pages of records to the

plaintiff. The seven pages are withheld are partially withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.

- In the matter of ***American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) et al (20-cv-02153)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on October 8, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of CBP personnel to protests, as a result of the death of George Floyd from May 25, 2020, through October 20, 2020. On June 12, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the twenty-seventh interim release, consisting of 55 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Muslim Advocates v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (17-cv-02080) (2018-HQLI-00006)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 5, 2017, seeking records pertaining to the enforcement of the waiver provisions of the Second Executive Order. On June 12, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland (DHS) Privacy Office released 142 pages of records to the plaintiff.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
June 13, 2024-June 19, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
June 24, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- On June 13, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the previous release to 2023-ICFO-42034 which contained Enforcement and Removal Operations statistics (9 spreadsheets).
- On June 17, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the detention facility compliance inspections for the San Luis Regional Detention Center (April 23-25, 2024) and the Florence Correction Center (May 7-9, 2024) (15 pages).
- On June 18, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the detention facility compliance inspections for Washoe County Jail in Reno, Nevada (April 23-25, 2024) (8 pages).

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On June 13, 2024, **Laura Strickler**, a representative of *NBC News* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) records pertaining to the work papers for a previous DHS IG Audit report. (Case Number 2024-IGFO-00113)
- On June 13, 2024, **Rachel Santarsiero**, a representative of the **National Security Archive** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the 2024 U.S. Coast Guard wargame exercise held at a Portsmouth, Virginia. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02076)
- On June 13, 2024, **Glen Stellmacher**, a representative of **Hard Pressed** in Brooklyn, New York, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to any travel and/or training with the Advanced Security Training Institute (ASTI) and/or Yisroel Stefansky within Israel from January 1, 2024, to May 21, 2024. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01679)
- On June 16, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America (CASA)** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to communications to, from, or received by listed senior management from May 30, 2024, through May 31, 2024, when Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump was convicted in Manhattan, New York. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02093)
- On June 16, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to all employees who entered a position at the

agency as a Political Appointee from January 1, 2024, to the present. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01746)

- On June 17, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to a list of all employees who entered into a position at the agency as a Political Appointee from January 1, 2024, to the present. (Case Number- 2024-FLETC-FO-00161)
- On June 17, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to GLOMAR FOIA responses issued by the agency from January 2024 to the present. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00162)
- On June 17, 2024, **Emily Wood**, a private individual, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to the letter denying individual assistance to residents in Marshalltown, Iowa and the response to the appeal from the governor's office that was also denied. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01001)
- On June 17, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to emails from Charles Makings mentioning 'Biden', 'health', 'age', 'mental', 'physical', 'drugs', 'stairs', 'dementia', 'Alzheimer's', Parkinson's', 'poop' or 'defecate' from September 25, 2023, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01271)
- On June 17, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to emails from Alexa Lopez mentioning 'Biden', 'health', 'age', 'mental', 'physical', 'drugs', 'stairs', 'dementia', 'Alzheimer's', Parkinson's', 'poop' or 'defecate' from September 25, 2023, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01272)
- On June 17, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to emails from Alexa Lopez mentioning 'Signal', 'Protonmail', or 'FOIA' from January 20, 2021, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01273)
- On June 17, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to emails from Christopher J. Peleo-Lazar mentioning Biden', 'health', 'age', 'mental', 'physical', 'drugs', 'stairs', 'dementia', 'Alzheimer's', Parkinson's', 'poop' or 'defecate' from September 25, 2023, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01274)
- On June 17, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to all communications to/from Christopher J. Peleo-Lazar mentioning 'Signal' OR 'Protonmail' OR 'FOIA' from January 20, 2021, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01275)
- On June 17, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

records pertaining to all communications to/from Holly E. Canevari mentioning 'Signal' OR 'Protonmail' OR 'FOIA' from January 20, 2021, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01276)

- On June 17, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative with *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to emails from Holly E. Canevari mentioning ' Biden',' health', 'age', 'mental', 'physical', 'drugs', 'stairs', 'dementia', 'Alzheimer's', Parkinson's', 'poop' or 'defecate' from September 25, 2023, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01277)
- On June 17, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to communications to/from Charles Makings mentioning 'Signal', 'Protonmail' or 'FOIA' from January 20, 2021, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01278)
- On June 17, 2024, **Rose White**, a representative of *MLive*, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to an incident on February 23, 2024, in which 19 people were taken into custody by border patrol agents in Grand Traverse County, Michigan. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-125137)
- On June 18, 2024, **Clifford Gill**, a representative of **HonorFirst**, in Manassas, Virginia, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the narratives of the actions that resulted in the awarding of the Newton-Azrak Award to the 2024 recipients. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-125662)
- On June 18, 2024, **Kimberly Vance**, a representative of the **National Immigrant Justice Center** in Chicago, Illinois, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the detention of transgender individuals during the period of May 11, 2023, to present in San Diego County. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-126265)
- On June 18, 2024, **Kimberly Vance**, a representative of the **National Immigrant Justice Center** in Chicago, Illinois, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the use of wristbands by DHS to designate the arrival dates of migrants entering the United States illegally in San Diego County during the period of May 11, 2023, to present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-126267)
- On June 18, 2024, **Todd Feathers**, a private individual in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the agency's contract with Panamerica Computers Inc. and/or Fivecast for the provision of Fivecast ONYX licenses. (Case Number CBP-FO-126269)
- On June 18, 2024, **Mark Spencer**, a representative of *Judicial Watch* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the alleged investigation of misconduct of FAMS Deputy. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01282)
- On June 18, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

records pertaining to the resumes of all political appointees detailed to TSA from January 1, 2024, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01283)

- On June 18, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to all GLOMAR FOIA responses issued by the agency from January 1, 2024, to present, along with a copy of the original FOIA request the GLOMAR was issued in response to. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01284)
- On June 18, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative with *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to emails from Harlan Geer, mentioning ' Biden', ' health', 'age', 'mental', 'physical', 'drugs', 'stairs', 'dementia', 'Alzheimer's', Parkinson's', 'poop' or 'defecate' from September 25, 2023, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01286)
- On June 18, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to all communications to/from Harlan Geer mentioning 'Signal', 'Protonmail' or 'FOIA' from January 20, 2021, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01287)

#### **Late Requests:**

- On May 22, 2024, **Neela Chakravartula**, a representative of the **Center for Gender & Refugee Studies** in San Francisco, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to guidance issued to asylum officers to consider whether an asylum seeker could reasonably relocate to another part of the country of feared persecution when assessing claims of future persecution in all credible fear cases. (Case Number COW 2024-004157)
- On June 3, 2024, **Alessandra Rosales**, a representative of the **Urban Justice Center DVP** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the policy for determining which pending I-918 Supplement A petitions merit a bona fide determination. (Case Number COW 2024-004351)
- On June 6, 2024, **Talia Mindich**, a representative of *Actual Films* in San Francisco, California, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the USCG's search and rescue efforts off the coast of San Francisco, California, from January 28, 2007, through February 1, 2007, for a missing individual. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02151)
- On June 12, 2024, **David Maass**, a representative of the **Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF)** in Reno, Nevada, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the "Land Border Integration Division Anzalduas Technology Demonstration, May 13, 2022" document referenced in an OIG report. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-122986)
- On June 12, 2024, **David Jaroslav**, a representative of the **Immigration Reform Law Institute** in Reno, Nevada, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection

(CBP) records pertaining to memos and other guidance documents issued to Border Patrol sectors containing any of the terms: “proclamation,” “Eastern Hemisphere,” “extra-hemispheric,” “recalcitrant,” “Hard to Remove countries,” “terrorist” or “terrorism,” from June 4 - 12, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-123347)

- On June 12, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications from several U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials to/from the email domains demos.org, adl.org, splcenter.org, or civilrights.org from January 20, 2021, until June 13, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-123724)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On June 13, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Marvin Vinluan**, a private individual, 128 pages of records pertaining to the A File for Jiverly Antares Wong. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number NRC 2024-223010)
- On June 13, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Zach Stieber**, a representative of *The Epoch Times* in New York, New York, 20 pages of records pertaining to emails to or from Alejandro Mayorkas mentioning "disinformation" or "governance board." Portions of this response are being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number 2022-HQFO-00968)
- On June 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Jack Change**, a private individual in Walnut, California, a full denial regarding his request for the investigative records of Hoshine Silicon Industry Co., Ltd. These records were withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemptions 4 and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-120796)
- On June 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics** in Concord Massachusetts, a full denial regarding her request for the list of all cases that are currently in the investigative queue for forced labor processing. These records were withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemptions 7(A) and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-116902)
- On June 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics**, in Concord Massachusetts, a full denial regarding her request for a copy of the forced labor division case management system overview page. This record was withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-116985)
- On June 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics**, in Concord Massachusetts, a no records determination regarding the portion of her request seeking documents related to CBP’s rigorous evaluation of Premium Tobacco Malawi Limited’s (PTML) social compliance for forced labor and a full denial regarding the portion of her



request seeking records from Alliance One International, LLC and Limbe Leaf Tobacco Company Ltd. regarding their response to CBP's concerns over their use of forced labor. These records were withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemption 4. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-121597)

- On June 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics**, in Concord Massachusetts, a full denial regarding her request for the evidence and evaluation records on gold imports regarding forced labor imported from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) by the Chambers Federation. These records were withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemptions 4, 5 and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-121598)
- On June 17, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Nick Baur**, a representative of the **Democratic National Committee** in Washington, D.C., a no records response to his request for emails between Gil Kerlikowske, David Aguilar, Mark Morgan, Ralph Basham, Jayson Ahern, and Thomas Winkowski and @gvt.com from January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2014. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-007321)
- On June 17, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Nick Baur**, a representative of the **Democratic National Committee** in Washington, D.C., a no records response to his request for emails between Troy Miller, Gil Kerlikowske, Chris Magnus, Mark Morgan, Kevin McAleenan, and Thomas Winkowski and @roivant.com from January 1, 2014, to February 20, 2019. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-007329)
- On June 17, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Mehreen Rasheed**, a representative of **American Oversight** in Washington, D.C., a no records response to her request for email communications of Border Patrol Agent Michael Banks and the following external entities: texas.gov, citizensrenewingamerica.com, Fairus.org, irli.org, numbersusa.com, conservativepartnership.org., Kenneth Cuccinelli, Brandon Judd, Mark Morgan, and Chad Wolf. (CBP-FO-2023-051752)
- On June 17, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Warren**, a representative of the **Institute for Justice** in Arlington, Virginia, 6 pages of records pertaining to various tort claims. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-134610)
- On June 18, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Bier**, a representative of the **Cato Institute** in Washington, D.C., 1 Excel spreadsheet containing the total number of entries by citizenship status (U.S. citizen, legal permanent resident, nonimmigrant by classification, inadmissible, and parole) for FY 2019 to April 2024. This record was released in full. (CBP-FO-2024-093586)
- On June 18, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Alex Kordatzakis**, a private individual in Chania, Greece, 32 pages of records pertaining to a May 28, 2018, shooting incident involving San Diego Police Officers and Border Patrol Agents. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2019-079985)

- On June 19, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Ben Wermund** a representative of the **Houston Chronicle** in Arlington, Virginia, a no records response to his request for all emails sent and received by Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Matthew Bauer from July 10, 2023, to August 15, 2023, containing the terms "Separation of Family Units," "family unit," and/or "father." (CBP-FO-2023-123253)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California v. U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-04760)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 29, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the hospitalization, death, and decision to release from ICE custody of several individuals. On June 13, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 851 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-03368)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 13, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications sent or received by any person in Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) at ICE headquarters, to include any person in the Law Enforcement Systems and Analysis (LESA) Division, any person in the Office of the Deputy Director, and any person in the Office of the Director regarding the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Fiscal Year 2021 Enforcement and Removal Operations Report. On June 13, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 64 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Justice for Immigrant Families v. U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-00929)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 30, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the scope and scale of detention in the Buffalo Field Office District (BFOD) and records regarding the treatment of people detained at Batavia, including accommodations for disabled people. On June 13, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 510 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *State of Tennessee v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-00068)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 23, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the release of adult ICE detainees in Tennessee from November 1, 2022, to present. On June 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 32 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Civil Liberties Union v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01795)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 13, 2023,

seeking records pertaining to the type of COVID-19 antiviral drugs, and the number of treatments prescribed and provided to detainees held in ICE custody from January 1, 2022, to present. On June 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 309 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Immigrant Legal Defense v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-06348)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 2, 2023, seeking records pertaining to ICE's recording practices, dating back to March 1, 2018, for video and audio recordings of ICE enforcement actions in California between September 28, 2020, and October 2, 2020. On June 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 365 pages and 4 video files of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Federation for American Immigration Reform v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-03136) (2024-HQLI-00012)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 26, 2023, seeking records pertaining to DHS initiatives that identify and return previously deported non-citizens that was announced July 2, 2021. On June 17, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released 103 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of ***Al Otro Lado v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)(22-cv-01280)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on May 11, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the sharing of data collected in various DHS programs, including the CBP One mobile application. On June 18, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection CBP issued the fourth interim release consisting of 332 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Immigrants' Legal Defense v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-06348) (2024-HQLI-00022)*** plaintiff filed a complaint on December 8, 2023, seeking records pertaining to communications containing the following phrases: "proposed pilot"; "shooting schedule"; "outline of the production"; or "approved production" from several DHS employees from March 1, 2018, to the present. On June 18, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued its fourth interim response consisting of 415 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, and 7(C).
- In the matter of ***Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08902) (2023-HQLI-00015)*** plaintiff filed a complaint on July 12, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the Dedicated Docket Program for family immigration cases at the Southwest Border. On June 18, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 11 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 11 pages, 2 pages are withheld in full, and 9 pages are disclosed in part, pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
June 20, 2024- June 26, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
July 1, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- On June 20, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the detention facility compliance inspections for Baker County Sheriff's Office (April 23-25, 2024) (8 pages).
- On June 21, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the detention facility compliance inspections for Pottawattamie County Jail (April 23-25, 2024) and Otay Mesa Detention Center (April 30-May 2, 2024) and the PREA Audit Report for Otero County Processing Center (October 24-26, 2023) (80 pages).
- On June 24, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the detention facility compliance inspection for the Richwood Correctional Center (April 30-May 2, 2024) (8 pages)

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On June 24, 2024, **Kevin Ozbek**, a representative of *KTRK-TV ABC13 Houston* in Houston, Texas, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the number of guns intercepted by TSA agents since January 2023. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01322)
- On June 25, 2024, **Cissy Jackson**, a representative of the **Center for American Progress** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to memoranda, opinions, analyses, or proposals relating to Executive Order 13957, issued by the Trump Administration on October 21, 2020. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01030)
- On June 25, 2024, **Connor Pittman**, a representative of the *Community Impact* in Frisco, Texas, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to claims filed within the city of Richardson, Texas. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01031)
- On June 25, 2024, **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of *Inewssource*, in San Diego, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to complaints concerning CBP personnel working at or near Border Patrol stations across California from January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2023. (CBP-FO-2024-129397)

- On June 25, 2024, **Ko Lyn**, a representative of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, in San Francisco, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the information on CBP One Appointments from March 2024 to June 2024. (CBP-FO-2024-129666)

**Late Requests:**

- Nothing significant to report.

**III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On June 20, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Melissa del Bosque**, a representative of **Lighthouse Reports** in Tucson, Arizona, a no records response to her request for documents from the Border Safety Initiative Tracking System (BSITS) on drowning deaths in the Rio Grande from June 2021 to February 25, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-064754)
- On June 20, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Nick Schwellenbach**, a representative of **Project on Government Oversight** in Washington, D.C., 42 pages of records pertaining to the results of a 45-day review of the employee disciplinary process directed by Secretary Mayorkas. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. (Case Number 2022-HQFO-01347)
- On June 24, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Eric Russell**, a representative of *Portland Press Herald* in South Portland, Maine, 2 pages of records pertaining to vehicle and truck crossings at the Coburn Gore, Maine Port of Entry from 2018 through 2023. Portions of this request were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-087175)
- On June 24, 2024, **Kevin Ozebek**, a representative of *KTRK-TV ABC13 Houston* in Houston, Texas, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the number of guns intercepted by TSA agents since January 2023. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01322)
- On June 24, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Michael Howell**, a representative of **The Heritage Foundation** in Washington D.C., 44 pages of records pertaining to communications between individuals at DHS HQ Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA) and the U.S. Senate or the U.S. House of Representatives from October 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number 2022-HQFO-00737)
- On June 25, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Tim Kilcullen**, a representative of *CNS News* in Reston Virginia, 88 pages of records pertaining to all FOIA logs that pertain to Secretary Mayorkas or the Disinformation Governance Board. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-01633)

- On June 25, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Luke Harold**, a private individual in San Diego, California, 18 pages of records pertaining to CBP owned automobile collisions in the San Diego Sector over the past five years. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-FO-2024-111924)
- On June 26, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Gus Bova**, a representative of *The Texas Observer* in Austin, Texas, 955 pages of records pertaining to emails sent to or from commentsenv@cbp.dhs.gov between August 1, 2018, and January 1, 2019. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2019-021898)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *The Legal Aid Society v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (24-cv-02344)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 29, 2023, seeking records pertaining to communications from the ICE New York City Field Office Director mentioning "transfer"; documents related to detained alien transfers between the ICE New York City Field Office and ICE's Office of Asset and Facilities Management; national transfer records, ICE New York City Field Office Standard Operating Procedures; Forms I-830 and I-216 filed with the EOIR field. On June 20, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 30 pages and 1 Excel Spreadsheet of records.
- In the matter of *Kim Lain v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-00404) (2024-HQLI-00017)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 19, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the Secretary's knowledge of human smuggling organizations' use of wristbands when he testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee and all records containing the terms "wristband" or "bracelet". On June 20, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 4 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Los Angeles Times Communications LLC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-10911)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 29, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Investigation Closing Reports related to sexual assault, sexual abuse, or harassment allegations at dedicated Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) facilities. On June 21, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 598 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the *Immigrant Defense Project v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-01153)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 10, 2022,

seeking records pertaining to the creation, implementation, or oversight of supervision programs including the Orders of Supervision Program (OSUP) and the Alternative to Detention (ATD) Program, Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) and the ATD Case Management Pilot Program from December 19, 2019, to the present. On June 21, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 993 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Legal Services of New Jersey v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-22222)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 21, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the number of people whom ICE has taken into custody in New Jersey, and how they have been detained or transferred between New Jersey facilities and out-of-state facilities, and the resulting impact on issues of medical treatment and access to legal representation for New Jersey criminal proceedings. On June 24, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 412 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Heritage Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-03179) (2024-HQLI-00005)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on May 25, 2023, seeking records from all individuals within the Office of the Secretary; the Office of Public Affairs; and the Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships' Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program containing the keyword "Heritage!" or "Heritage Foundation!". On June 24, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released a supplemental response, consisting of 238 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *American Immigration Council (AIC) and Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS) v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-05270)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on October 16, 2023, seeking records pertaining to CBP's implementation of new border management measures that require asylum seekers at the southern border to use CBP's smartphone application, known as CBP One. On June 24, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the third interim release, consisting of 469 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *John M. Manley v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (24-cv-01427)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 25, 2023, seeking records pertaining to policies and practices of CBP in enforcing SENTRI and NEXUS lane compliance at ports of entry. On June 24, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the first interim release, consisting of 257 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (19-cv-01764)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 8, 2019, seeking records pertaining to email communications from Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, ICE Director Homan, ICE Deputy Director Vitello, and CBP Commissioner McAleenan pertaining to the treatment of vulnerable detainees. On June 26, 2024,



U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its 53rd interim response consisting of 27 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Emery Celli Brinckerhoff Abady Ward & Maazel LLP v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (22-cv-02891)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 22, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications between CBP and Loyal Source Government Services (LSGS) regarding staffing and medical services provided by LSGS at Weslaco and McAllen Border Patrol Stations from June 2018 to July 2019. Plaintiff filed suit on April 7, 2022, claiming injunctive relief. On June 26, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its 21st interim response consisting of 18 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Functional Government Initiative v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-02737) (2023-HQLI-00011)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on February 8, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the implementation of the Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act of 2018. On June 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 20 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of ***America First Legal Foundation v. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) (22-cv-01255) (2023-HQLI-00004)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 4, 2022, seeking records pertaining to CISA's Countering Foreign Influence Task Force (CFITF), "Mis-, Dis-, and Malinformation" (MDM) team, policies and directives relating to the 2020 election. On June 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 213 pages of records to the plaintiff. These records are being released in full.
- In the matter of ***Electronic Privacy Information Center v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-03071)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 26, 2020, seeking records pertaining to ICE's use of Clearview AI technology and ICE use of facial recognition software. On June 26, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 97 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Kenneth White v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (24-cv-01140)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 5, 2023, seeking records pertaining to training materials used to train ICE/HSI staff as a part of the Visa Security Program, including materials used in the visa investigatory and visa adjudication processes from January 1, 2011, to the present. On June 26, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 141 pages of records to the plaintiff.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

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**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
June 27, 2024-July 3,2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
July 8, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is moving forward with plans to publish records in the e-Reading room.
- On June 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library seven handbooks (totaling 463 pages) and 57 policies/directives (totaling 418 pages) in response to 2023-ICLI-00024.
- On July 2, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the detention facility compliance inspection for McLennan County Jail in Waco, TX (May 7-9, 2024) (7 pages).
- On July 3, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library seven intergovernmental service agreement (IGSA) contracts (totaling 24 pages) and the January 9-11, 2024, PREA report for the South Texas Processing Center (49 pages).

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On June 27, 2024, **Jessica Prescott**, a private individual in Key West, Florida, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to Haitian migrants apprehended in Key West, Florida on June 26, 2024, including the exact number of detainees, location of detention, and any outcomes. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-130336)
- On June 27, 2024, **Patrick Toomey**, a representative of the **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to CBP’s use of artificial intelligence (AI) or algorithmic rules in risk assessment applied to individuals seeking to enter, exit, or travel within the United States. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-130427)
- On June 27, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to emails to/from Blas Nunez-Neto, Chief Operating Officer, Nathaniel C. Kaine, Advisor to the Chief of Staff, Philip Carpio, Associate Chief Counsel, and Felicia M. Pullam, Executive Director Office of Trade Relations, containing the key terms: “Signal”, “Protonmail”, or “FOIA”, from January 20, 2021, to July 2, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-132231)

- On June 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to Political Appointee positions from January 1, 2024, to the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-132380)
- On June 27, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to emails sent from September 25, 2023, to July 2, 2024, from Blas Nunez-Neto, Chief Operating Officer; Philip Carpio, Associate Chief Counsel; Nathaniel C. Kaine, Advisor to the Chief of Staff; Abigail A. Shenkle, Counselor to the Commissioner; Felicia M. Pullam, Executive Director Office of Trade Relations, containing the key terms: “Biden”, “health”, “age”, “mental”, “physical”, “drugs”, “dementia”, “Parkinson”, and “poop”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-132448)
- On June 27, 2024, **Angelina Godoy**, a representative of the **University of Washington Center of Human Rights** in Seattle, Washington, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the IHSC Directive regarding Suicide Prevention and Intervention, from the ICE Health Service Corps. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-43883)
- On June 27, 2024, **Angelina Godoy**, a representative of the **University of Washington Center of Human Rights** in Seattle, Washington, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the most current version of the ICE Health Service Corps Directive on Emergency Health Services. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-43882)
- On June 28, 2024, **Angelina Godoy**, a representative of the **University of Washington Center of Human Rights** in Seattle, Washington, requested from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to completed IHSC-010 Incident Reporting Documents regarding incidents at the Northwest Detention Center/Northwest ICE Processing Center in Tacoma, Washington, from October 1, 2023, to the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-44040)
- On June 28, 2024, **Angelina Godoy**, a representative of the **University of Washington Center of Human Rights** in Seattle, Washington, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to ICE’s Health Service Corps (IHSC) Policy and Practice materials governing the performance of IHSC's duties at the Northwest Detention Center from 2018 to the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-44067)
- On June 28, 2024, **Luke Harold**, a representative of *San Diego Union-Tribune* in San Diego, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to intercepted submersibles off the coast of California from January 1, 2019, to present. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-131299)
- On June 28, 2024, **Maite Amorebieta**, a representative of *NBC News* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the flight manifests for international flights from January 1, 2024, to present for LoveAir jet tail number N1969C. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-131403)

- On June 28, 2024, **Dhruv Mehrotra**, a representative of **WIRED** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to Electronic Media Reports and Electronic Device Control Records from 2016 to the present. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-131599)
- On June 28, 2024, **Cissy Jackson**, a representative of the **Center for American Progress** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email correspondence discussing Executive Order 13957, creating a new Schedule F category of federal positions, which was issued by President Trump on October 21, 2020. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-131644)
- On June 28, 2024, **Glen Stellmacher**, a representative of **Hard-Pressed, LLC** in Brooklyn, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to audio and video recordings from a CBP helicopter flying within the city of Seattle airspace between June 1 and June 9, 2020. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-131809)
- On June 28, 2024, **Cissy Jackson**, a representative of the **Center for American Progress** in Washington D.C., requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to memoranda, analyses, and proposals related to Executive Order 13957, issued by the Trump Administration on October 21, 2020. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00177)
- On June 29, 2024, **Angelina Godoy**, a representative of the **University of Washington Center of Human Rights** in Seattle, Washington, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the Use-of-Force Incident Reports submitted to the Northwest Detention Center/Northwest Immigrant Processing Center's Contracting Officer Representative (COR) by the Warden/Facility Director from June 2021 to the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-44094)
- On June 29, 2024, **Angelina Godoy**, a representative of the **University of Washington Center of Human Rights** in Seattle, Washington, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to Monthly Status Reports for the Northwest Detention Center/Northwest ICE Processing Center (NWDC) submitted by The GEO Group, Inc. to the facility's Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) from August 1, 2021, to the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-44095)
- On June 29, 2024, **Angelina Godoy**, a representative of the **University of Washington Center of Human Rights** in Seattle, Washington, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to written reports on sexual abuse incident reviews conducted by The GEO Group, Inc. at the Northwest Detention Center/Northwest ICE Processing Center (NWDC) from August 1, 2021, to the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-44096)
- On June 29, 2024, **Angelina Godoy**, a representative of the **University of Washington Center of Human Rights** in Seattle, Washington, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the results and

findings of all annual sexual abuse reviews from August 1, 2021, to the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-44097)

- On June 29, 2024, **Angelina Godoy**, a representative of the **University of Washington Center of Human Rights** in Seattle, Washington, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the Standards of Conduct and corresponding disciplinary actions submitted to the Northwest Detention Center/Northwest Immigrant Processing Center’s Contracting Officer Representative (COR) from June 2021 to the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-44098)
- On June 30, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), all calendar entries, congressional correspondence and communications to/from congressional offices or committees, during the months of May and June 2024, concerning 26 FEMA high-level employees. (Case Number FEMA 2024-FEFO-01051)
- On June 30, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to email communications regarding congressional correspondences and calendar exports of Troy Miller for June 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-132098)
- On June 30, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to images or videos of seized Fentanyl taken by the U.S. Border Patrol during the month of June 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-132105)
- On June 30, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the number of encounters between U.S. Border Patrol officers, agents, or contractors and Iranian, Venezuelan, North Korean, or Chinese nationals for the previous calendar month. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-132107)
- On June 30, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to documents that were produced by CBP in response to FOIA litigations for the month of June 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-132135)
- On July 2, 2024, **Ann Brown**, a representative of the **Center for Biological Diversity** in Portland, Oregon, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to all applications, notices of rejection and notices of approval to the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program in 2022 and 2023 that include the following terms: “heat”, “extreme heat”, “cooling”, “smoke”, and “clean energy”. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01078)
- On July 3, 2024, **Glen Stellmacher**, a private individual, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to the grant application approved under the FY 2017 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and the

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). (Case Number FEMA 2024-FEFO-01090)

**Late Requests:**

- Nothing significant to report.

**III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On June 27, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Susan Long**, a representative of **TRAC** in Syracuse, New York, 1 Excel spreadsheet of data pertaining to case-by-case data on individuals allowed to enter the U.S. by Office of Field Operations (OFO) under “United for Ukraine” from April 2022 to June 24, 2024. This record was released in full. (Case Number CBP-OFO-2022-085264)
- On June 27, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **David Joyce**, a representative of **Muck Rock News** in Somerville, Massachusetts, a final response and 2 pages of records pertaining to a list of all points of contact or contracting officers and their contact info including emails for both simplified acquisitions and micro purchasing at Federal Law Enforcement Training Center covering the entire Agency. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case Number FOIA 2024-FLETC-FO-00151)
- On June 28, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Silvia Vinas**, a private individual in Somerville, Massachusetts, 692 pages of records pertaining to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) investigative records. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 2, 6, 7(C) and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2018-034061)
- On July 1, 2024. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Caroline Haskins**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Somerville, Massachusetts, a no-records response to her request for all instructional materials, presentations and guidance on the use of Ring devices and/or the Neighbors app. (Case Number CBP-2020-019956)
- On July 2, 2024. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., a full denial regarding his request for images or videos of seized Fentanyl taken by Border Patrol during the month of May 2024. These records were withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(A). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114380)
- On July 2, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Carlos Polanco**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, 39 pages of records pertaining to an incident between Wilmar Rodriguez and Gilberto Velez in Puerto Rico. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 2, 6, 7(C) and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2024-059971)
- On July 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Thomas Volscho**, a representative of **ABC News** in West Orange, New Jersey, a no records response to his request for records pertaining to passenger ESTA status made to Air Ghislaine, Inc.,

JEGE, Inc., JEGE LLC., Hyperion Air, LLC., Shmitka Air, Plan D, LLC., Freedom Air and all I-775 and I-420 applications to the same entities. (Case Number CBP-FO-2020-073992)

- On July 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Josh Gerstein**, a representative of **POLITICO** in Alexandria, Virginia, a no-records response to his request for calendars and schedules showing Trusted Traveler Program enrollment opportunities hosted by CBP in connection with special events, conferences, or gatherings. (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-079833)
- On July 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Alfred Ng**, a representative of **POLITICO** in Arlington, Virginia, 115 pages of records pertaining to statistical data related to ‘opt-outs’ of CBP’s facial biometric entry/exit program. These records were released in full. (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-142950)
- On July 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Loree Stark**, a representative of **American Oversight** in Washington, D.C., a no records response to her request for Advance Passenger Information System or the Automated Targeting System for all private and non-commercial vessel arrivals containing the late Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor from January 1, 2005, to January 31, 2006. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-102441)

#### **IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals**

- Nothing significant to report.

#### **V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

- Nothing significant to report.

#### **VI. Litigation**

- In the matter of *Haitian Bridge Alliance, African Communities Together, and Undocublack Networks v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08344)* plaintiff’s FOIA request was referred to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on February 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to Haitian migrants seeking asylum who were sequestered in an encampment near Del Rio, Texas port of entry in September of 2021. Plaintiff filed suit on September 30, 2022, claiming injunctive relief. On June 27, 2024, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its tenth interim response, consisting of 58 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Immigration Council v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (18-cv-01531)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 3, 2018, seeking records pertaining to the processing and treatment of noncitizen families who arrive at the border, particularly the U.S.-Mexico border. On June 27, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 212 pages of records to the plaintiff.



- In the matter of *Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP v. U.S. Customs and Border Protections (CBP) (20-cv-01583)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 16, 2019, seeking records pertaining to efforts toward family reunification and the release of the minor from the DHS custody and/or facilities, as required by the Flores Settlement. On June 27, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 263 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Civil Liberties Union v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-03204)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 20, 2020, seeking records pertaining to Mortality Reviews created by the Immigrant Health Service Corps (IHSC) regarding the death of Anthony Jones aka Henry Missick. On June 27, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 272 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-07038)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 7, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the use of third-party providers for social media monitoring operations. On June 27, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the plaintiff 287 pages of records.
- In the matter of *RMIAN v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02359)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 10, 2022, seeking records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On June 27, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 3 videos of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Elizabeth Jordan v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02681)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 13, 2023, seeking records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On June 27, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 3 videos of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (24-cv-01227)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 13, 2023, seeking the most recent version of the Declined Detainer Outcome Report, and/or list of jurisdictions that have non-cooperation policies. On June 27, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 38 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Black Alliance v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-06239)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 10, 2021, seeking records pertaining to ICE's use of force, solitary confinement, access to medical treatment, and other conditions that impact Black immigrants in ICE detention. On June 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 776 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Legal Resource Center. v. U.S. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-09208)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 14, 2021, pertaining to weekly reports ICE field offices are required to provide to the Office of the Director, the Office of the Deputy Director, and the

Office of Policy and Planning (OPP) pursuant to the Johnson memorandum. On June 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01395)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 30, 2019, seeking records pertaining to email communications sent to @fairus.org, @irli.org, @cis.org, @numbersusa, @theremembranceproject.org, @vdar.com, @heritage.org, kkobach@gmail.com, and kris@kriskobach.com. On June 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 332 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Functional Government Initiative (FGI) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-02737)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 8, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the implementation of the Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act of 2018 from January 1, 2020, through September 15, 2022. Plaintiff filed suit on September 15, 2022, claiming injunctive relief. On June 28, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its seventh interim response, consisting of 451 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Owners of America, Inc. and Gun Owners Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01617) (2022-HQLI-00038)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 5, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the creation of the Disinformation Governance Board. On June 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 321 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 321 pages, 28 pages are released in full, and 293 are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, and 7(C) and 7(E).
- In the matter of ***Haitian Bridge Alliance v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08344) (2023-HQLI-00001)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the treatment of the 15,000 Haitian migrants in Del Rio, Texas in September 2021, including efforts to provide food, water, clothing, housing and medical care to migrants; actions to determine whether migrants should be removed or expelled; and coordination between law enforcement agencies and with other countries. On June 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 213 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of ***Al Otro Lado v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01525)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to all agency FOIA logs from October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2021. On June 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 881 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Justice and Diversity Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08902)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 15, 2022,

seeking records from January 2021 through the present that includes the term “Dedicated Docket”. On July 1, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 415 pages of records and 10 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01498)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 4, 2022, requesting all records issued by Acting ICE Director Tae Johnson titled “REMINDER: Detention Policy Where an Immigration Judge has Granted Asylum, Withholding of Removal, or Convention Against Torture Protection, and DHS has appealed”. On July 1, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 78 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *America First Policy Institute v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-00139) (2024-HQLI-00006)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 22, 2021, seeking records pertaining to e-mail communications between employees of the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) that were either sent to, or received from, the e-mail domains @fb.com, @google.com, and/or @twitter.com. On July 1, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 57 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 57 pages, 3 pages are released in full, and 54 pages are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6 and 7(E).
- In the matter of the *Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and Al Otro Lado (AOL) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (19-cv-03438)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 31, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the screening, inspection, or processing of unaccompanied non-citizen children on the Southern border from May 2018 through the present. Plaintiff filed suit on November 15, 2019, claiming injunctive relief. On July 1, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its forty-fifth interim response, consisting of 254 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Project on Government Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02662)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 28, 2017, seeking records pertaining to the use of force incident reports. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2023, claiming injunctive and declaratory relief. On July 1, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its sixth interim response, consisting of 769 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Project on Government Oversight, Inc. v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (19-cv-03372)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 7, 2019, seeking records pertaining to communications between government officials and representatives of Amazon regarding facial recognition technology. On July 2, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 368 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Lindsay Nash v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-04288)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 13, 2021, seeking records pertaining to administrative arrest warrants and administrative subpoenas. On July 2,

2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 11 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Immigrants' Legal Defense v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-06348) (2024-HQLI-00022)*** plaintiff filed a complaint on December 8, 2023, seeking records pertaining to communications containing the following phrases: "proposed pilot"; "shooting schedule"; "outline of the production"; or "approved production" from the following custodians: Brandon A. Montgomery, Director, DHS, Office of Multimedia Liaison, the current Director of DHS' Office of Multimedia Liaison or any individual who has held the title of Director of DHS' Office of Multimedia Liaison from March 1, 2018 to the present. On July 3, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office will issue its fifth interim response consisting of 219 pages of records. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, and 7(C).
- In the matter of ***Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-00552) (2023-HQLI-00027)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 12, 2022, seeking records pertaining to CISA senior officials' meetings on election security with the private sector and Election Infrastructure council groups. On July 3, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued an interim response consisting of 176 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, and 7 (E).
- In the matter of ***the American Oversight v. the U.S. Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (2023-HQLI-00030) (23-cv-01395)*** plaintiff filed a complaint on May 7, 2023, seeking records pertaining to email communications between agency leadership and officials from the previous administration and outside organizations, and the White House, pertaining to Migrant Protection Protocols. On July 3, 2023, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 52 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 52 pages, 6 pages are released in full, while 46 pages are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
July 4, 2024- July 10, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
July 15, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).
- On July 2, 2024, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) FOIA Office posted to the USCG FOIA Library five FOIA Logs:
    - July 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022 (49 pages) [FOIA LOG JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 REDACTED.PDF \(defense.gov\)](#);
    - January 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023 (55 pages) [FOIA LOG JANUARY 1 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31 2023 REDACTED.PDF \(defense.gov\)](#);
    - April 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023 (44 pages) [FOIA LOG APRIL 1 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30 2023 REDACTED.PDF \(defense.gov\)](#);
    - July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023 (87 pages) [FOIA LOG JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 REDACTED.PDF \(defense.gov\)](#);
    - October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023 (52 pages) [FOIA LOG OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 REDACTED.PDF \(defense.gov\)](#)
- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
- On July 3, 2024, **Glen Stellmacher**, a private individual, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to the grant application approved under the FY 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). (Case Number FEMA 2024-FEFO-01089)
  - On July 4, 2024, **Bilal Rahman**, a representative of *Newsweek*, in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the number of active CBP officers who are currently under investigation for a crime between 2023 and 2024, to include the type of crime. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-134136)
  - On July 4, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America (CASA)** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to email communications to, from, or received by Alejandro Mayorkas, Kristie Canegallo, Jonathan Davidson, Deborah Fleischaker, Jonathan E. Meyer, Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, Joseph V. Cuffari, Dr. Dimitri Kusnezov, Julie S. Brewer, Steven Feder, Robert Silvers, Kelli Ann Burriesci, and Iranga Kahangama from March 1, 2024, through the present. (Case number 2024-HQFO-01899)

- On July 5, 2024, **Jason Leopold**, a representative of **Bloomberg News** in Beverly Hills, California, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to communications in which Secret Service officials reference President Joe Biden and his physical and mental health. (Case Number USSS 20240972)
- On July 6, 2024, **Richard Wieland**, a representative of **Freedom Magazine**, in Los Angeles, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the Aftermath Foundation. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-134972)
- On July 6, 2024, **Richard Wieland**, a representative of the **Freedom Magazine** in Los Angeles, California, requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to the Aftermath Foundation. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00186)
- On July 6, 2024, **Danna Abraham**, a representative of the **Project Immigration Justice for Palestinians** in Brighton, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Gaza and Palestinian immigration applications. (Case Number COW 2024-005068)
- On July 6, 2024, **Danna Abraham**, a representative of the **Project Immigration Justice for Palestinians** in Brighton, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Palestinian or Gazan applicants, petitioners, and/or beneficiaries for humanitarian parole from October 7, 2023, through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-005070)
- On July 6, 2024, **Richard Wieland**, a representative of **Freedom Magazine** in Los Angeles, California, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to communications between The Aftermath Foundation and FEMA from 2017 and the present. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01096)
- On July 8, 2024, **Tyler Jett**, a representative of **The Des Moines Register** in Des Moines, Iowa, requested from the Federal Emergency Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to a list of all properties in Iowa acquired through floodplain buyouts. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01101)
- On July 8, 2024, **Gina Castro**, a representative of the **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the number of citizenship applications pending in USCIS Wisconsin and Milwaukee office. (Case Number OPQ 2024-000024)
- On July 9, 2024, **Hamid Aleaziz**, a representative of the **New York Times**, in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications to or from Jason Owens that mention: “special interest migrants”, “Iranian”, “Lebanese”, “Palestinian”, “Egyptian, Sudanese”, “Mauritania”, “Muslim”, or “Chinese”, between January 2022 to April 2023. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-135897)

**Late Requests:**

- On February 7, 2024, **Alex Nowrasteh**, a representative of the **CATO Institute** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protections (CBP) records pertaining to monthly data reflecting the number of Terrorist Screening Dataset (TSDS) or watchlist encounters by U.S. Border Patrol and Office of Field Operations from 2008 to 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-055822)
- On June 18, 2024, **Todd Feathers**, a private individual in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to DHS's contract with Panamerica Computers Inc. and /or Fivecast for the provision of Fivecast ONYX system. (Case number CBP-2024-126269)
- On June 11, 2024, **Julius Nyerere**, a representative of the **African Immigrant Rights Council LLC** in Derwood, Maryland, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Tanzania country conditions, in the RAIO Research Unit on or after January 1, 2024. (Case Number COW 2024-004503)
- On June 13, 2024, **Clara Migoya**, a representative of the **Arizona Republic** in Phoenix, Arizona, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to a 10-year record of approved H-2A visa requests for Code 45 - Farming, Fishing, and Forestry. (Case Number COW 2024-004572)
- On June 20, 2024, **Matthew Petti**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the A-File for the late Abdollah Yamani. (Case Number COW 2024-004722)
- On June 24, 2024, **Caitlyn DeWitt**, a representative of the **Social Justice Collaborative** in Berkeley, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to data on Requests for Evidence issued for Adjustment of Status applications where new Form I-693s were requested due to procedural invalidity of previously filed I-693s from the year 2014 through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-004778)
- On June 24, 2024, **Caitlyn DeWitt**, a representative of the **Social Justice Collaborative** in Berkeley, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to data on rejection rates for Adjustment of Status applications where Form I-693s were required from the year 2014 through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-004779)
- On June 24, 2024, **Caitlyn DeWitt**, a representative of the **Social Justice Collaborative** in Berkeley, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to data on Requests for Evidence issued for adjustment of status applications based on I-693 forms that were deemed procedurally invalid due to opened medical exams or medical exams submitted in unsealed envelopes. (Case Number COW 2024-004785)
- On June 26, 2024, **Victoria Petty**, a representative of **The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area** in San Francisco, California, requested



from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to complaints made by any detained individual housed in GSA Housing Unit A44 between January 1, 2024, to June 1, 2024. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-43541)

- On June 26, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to how states or localities request verification of citizenship or immigrant status under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). (Case Number COW 2024-004920)
- On June 27, 2024, **Robert Kirkland**, a private individual from Imperial Beach, California, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to annual written instructions and guidelines that the Director of Admissions provides to the Cadet Candidate Evaluation Board (CCEB) (within the last five years); the annual Coast Guard Academy (CGA) admissions statement, which includes detailed information on the CCEB procedure; and the score sheets that were used in the CCEB process. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02266)
- On June 28, 2024, **Raul Pinto**, a representative of the **American Immigration Council** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to USCIS Policy when interviewing and adjudicating migrants interdicted at sea by the U.S. Coast Guard. (Case Number COW 2024-004910)
- On June 28, 2024, **Caitlyn DeWitt**, a representative of the **Social Justice Collaborative** in Berkeley, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the criteria used by USCIS to determine when an I-693 form should be unsealed as part of the evaluation process for adjustment of status applications. (Case Number COW 2024-004973)
- On June 28, 2024, **Gregory Korte**, a representative of *Bloomberg News* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to naturalizations from 2012 through the present (Case Number OPQ 2024-000022)
- On July 1, 2024, **Caitlyn DeWitt**, a representative of the **Social Justice Collaborative** in Berkeley, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to historical policy documents or guidance that outline the previous handling procedures for I-693 forms and any subsequent revisions. (Case Number COW 2024-004974)
- On July 1, 2024, **Caitlyn DeWitt**, a representative of the **Social Justice Collaborative** in Berkeley, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to internal communications discussing the unsealing of I-693 forms and the reasons for such actions. (Case Number COW 2024-004975)
- On July 1, 2024, **Caitlyn DeWitt**, a representative of the **Social Justice Collaborative** in Berkeley, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to complaints or appeals filed by

applicants regarding the unsealing of their I-693 forms and the responses provided by USCIS. (Case Number COW 2024-004976)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On July 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Ben Camacho**, a private individual in Santa Ana, California, 2,799 pages of records pertaining to emails sent to or from “commentsenv@cbp.dhs.gov” between August 1, 2018, and January 1, 2019. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6 and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2020-036045)
- On July 5, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Matt Shuham**, a representative of the *HuffPost*, in New York, New York, 21 pages of records pertaining to any incident in which the operators of vehicles rented by Texas National Guard Alpha Company ran over migrants between December 24-27, 2023. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C) and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2024-097400)
- On July 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Verity Thomson**, a representative of *Arrow Media* in London, England, a no-record response to her request for video footage related to Michael Dean James, who committed a string of robberies from January 16 to February 7, 2019. (Case Number CBP-2020-069366)
- On July 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics** in Concord, Massachusetts, 36 pages of records pertaining to the current Analysis and Referral Management (ARM) system manual. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-116883)
- On July 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **David Joyce**, a representative of *Joyce Communications* in Martinsburg, West Virginia, a full denial in response to his request seeking records pertaining to contact information for current points of contact and/or contracting officers holding acquisitions roles in CBP. These records were withheld in full pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-118605)
- On July 9, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Rachel Goodman**, a representative of **The Protect Democracy Project** in Washington, D.C., 963 pages of records pertaining to the appointment of Acting Director, Ken Cuccinelli, including considerations for the Federal Vacancies Reform Act (FVRA). Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 6. (Case Number COW 2019-501326)
- On July 10, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of *inewssource* in San Diego, California, 27 pages of records pertaining to Standard Form 95’s submitted to the San Diego Office of Chief Counsel from January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023. Portions of this release were

withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-007025)

- On July 10, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Wayne Philips**, a private individual in St Anna, California, 14 pages of records pertaining to a bilateral agreement with Chile titled, “Implementing Arrangement for Preventing and Combating Serious Crime.” These records were released in full. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01456)
- On July 10, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a final response and 26 pages of responsive records pertaining to the agency's intranet home page, a copy of the agency's intranet sitemap page and a copy of each page connected to the agency's intranet homepage. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00019)
- On July 10, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a final response and 22 pages of records pertaining to FOIA logs and Mandatory Declassification Review logs for the year of 2023; the most recent organizational hierarchy chart for the Office of the Senior-most Executive of the Agency. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 & 7(C). (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00064)
- On July 10, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Dave Mass**, a representative of *Muck Rock News* in Boston, Massachusetts, a final response and 24 pages of records pertaining to Benjamin C. Huffman’s speech. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, & 7(C). (Case number 2024-FLETC-FO-00150)
- On July 10, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) will release to **Cissy Jackson**, a representative of the **Center for American Progress** in Washington D.C., a no records response pertaining to Executive Order 13957, issued by the Trump Administration on October 21, 2020. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00177)

#### **IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals**

- Nothing significant to report.

#### **V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

- Nothing significant to report.

#### **VI. Litigation**

- In the matter of *Behring Capital LLC v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (24-cv-02567)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 14, 2024, seeking records pertaining to forms I-526, I-526E, I-485, I-956 petitions, and records related

to the number of IPO staff. On June 25, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 2 spreadsheets and 235 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Advocates for Human Rights v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (24-cv-01295)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 6, 2023, seeking records pertaining to form I-914, I-192, I-912, and any documents related to fees or fee waivers. On June 27, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 2 spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *IIUSA v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (24-cv-00803)* plaintiff filed FOIA requests between March 2023 and February 2024, seeking Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth for investment type (high, unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved, with dates ranging from May 15, 2022, through January 31, 2024. On June 27, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 1 spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Immigrant Investor Alliance v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23-cv-03543)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to certain issues raised in the Government Accountability Office's March 28, 2023, report on the EB-5 Program. On June 27, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 318 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter *Reclaim the Records v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23-cv-01997)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 11, 2021, seeking records sent to or received by Tammy Meckley, Associate Director, Immigration Records, and Identity Services Directorate from January 1, 2015, to February 12, 2021. On June 28, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 295 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Immigration Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (23-cv-03664)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 13, 2023, seeking records pertaining to Refugee Resettlement Case Management System Materials. On June 28, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 702 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Immigration Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (23-cv-03664)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 2, 2022, seeking records pertaining to Zaide Bilal. On June 28, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 46 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (2023-HQLI-00030) (23- cv-01395)* plaintiff filed a complaint on May 7, 2023, seeking records pertaining to email communications between agency leadership and officials from the previous administration and outside organizations, and the White House, pertaining to Migrant Protection Protocols. On July 3, 2023, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 52 pages of records

to the plaintiff. Of the 52 pages, 6 pages are released in full, while 46 pages are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.

- In the matter of ***Project South v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-03205)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 12, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the medical care of women in ICE custody at the Stewart Detention Center (SDC) in Lumpkin, Georgia. On July 5, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 259 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Just Futures Law v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-02208)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 10, 2021, seeking records pertaining to DHS contracts for the use of identification products and technologies provided by RELIX and Thomson Reuter. On July 9, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 92 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Center for Law and Justice v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (22-cv-00355)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 17, 2021, seeking records regarding boarder related human trafficking and exploitation of women and children, the cancelation or postponement of Operation Talon, and taking down CBP's press release on arrest of persons on the FBI's terrorism watch list. On July 9, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 471 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-03240)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 5, 2023, seeking records pertaining to email correspondence sent from ICE's political appointees, from January 1, 2021, through the present. On July 9, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 446 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Transgender Law Center v. U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-02153)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 19, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the detention of a transgender or intersex person in existence on or after January 1, 2015; any policies, procedures, guidelines, instructions, quotas or other materials concerning detention of transgender or intersex person during the COVID-19 pandemic from January 1, 2020 to present. On July 10, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 36 Excel spreadsheets of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Bloomberg, L.P. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (24-cv-00596)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 3, 2023, seeking records pertaining to H-1B violations from lottery season FY 2021 (lotteries conducted in 2020) to lottery season FY 2024 (lotteries conducted in 2023). On July 10, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released one Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
July 11, 2024- July 17, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
July 22, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library seven (7) intragovernmental service agreements for Eloy, El Valle Detention Facility, Farmville, Chase County, Plymouth County, Karnes County, and Pike County (46 pages).
- On July 12, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library five (5) detention facility compliance inspection reports for Orange County, Plymouth, Rio Grande, and South Texas (Dilley) facilities (36 pages)
- On July 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library four (4) detention facility compliance inspection reports for Eloy, Elizabeth Phelps, and Clinton County facilities (36 pages)

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On July 9, 2024, **Rachel Santasiero**, a representative of the **National Security Archive** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to final reports and assessments about Operation Trigger VII, a week-long joint operation that took place September 24-30, 2022, between CARICOM-IMPACS and Interpol, supported by the DHS Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). (Case Number 2024-ICFO-45514)
- On July 11, 2024, **Tiffany Hollis**, a representative of the **Human Rights Defense Center**, in Lake Worth, Florida, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to FOIA litigations against CBP where the agency or its insurers paid \$1,000 or more to resolve claims from July 11, 2014, to the present. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-136975)
- On July 11, 2024, **Tiffany Hollis**, a representative of the **Human Rights Defense Center**, in Lake Worth, Florida, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to how the agency communicates to the treasury department to process payments for litigation or claims against the agency that may affect a member of the public. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-136976)
- On July 11, 2024, **Edwin Lopez**, a representative of **Industry Dive** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining

to the total number of monthly Section 321 duty exceptions, and the number of known and authorized shipments that qualify for the de minimis tariff exception granted by the CBP from January 2019 through June 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-137393)

- On July 12, 2024, **Julius Nyerere**, a representative of the **African Immigrant Rights Council LLC** in Derwood, Maryland, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to revised guidance to asylum officers to consider whether an asylum seeker could reasonably relocate to another part of the country of feared persecution when assessing claims of future persecution in all credible fear cases. (Case Number COW 2024-005219)
- On July 13, 2024, **Michael Blanding**, a representative of **Public Affairs Books** in Brookline, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the investigation involving the seizure of artifacts from the Hobby Lobby corporation and the Museum of the Bible; investigations into artifacts illegally imported from Egypt, including papyrus fragments, mummy masks, and scarabs. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-46476)
- On July 13, 2024, **Betsy Fisher**, a representative of the **United Stateless** in Minneapolis, Minnesota, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to ICE’s report to the Appropriations Committee about its definition of statelessness and the location where ICE has made information about “the number of stateless individuals in custody” available in compliance with this requirement. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-46490)
- On July 13, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between the U.S. Secret Service and any email address ending in “@hq.dhs.gov” relating to the protective detail of Donald Trump (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01977)
- On July 13, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to calendar entries for the Director of the U.S. Secret Service, Deputy Director of the U.S. Secret Service, the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, General Counsel, Chief of Staff, and any Front Office advisor at DHS from June 14, 2024, through July 14, 2024. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01978 and 2024-HQFO-01979)
- On July 13, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications from July 13, 2024, between Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, DHS Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Deputy Secretary Kristie Canegallo and DHS Chief of Staff Jonathan Davidson. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01980)
- On July 14, 2024, **Daniel Trenton**, a representative of **The Associated Press** in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)



Privacy Office records pertaining to email and text communications to and from DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and the Senior Official Performing the Duties of Deputy Secretary, Kristie Canegallo, that reference the July 13, 2024, assassination attempt on Donald Trump. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01983)

- On July 15, 2024, **Chris Nelson**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to Donald Trump’s presidential campaign rally that was held in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024. (Case number 2024-ICFO-46579)
- On July 15, 2024, **Colin Farnsworth**, a representative of the **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the immigration status and the nationality of each affirmative asylum applicant from January 1, 2021, through the present date. (Case Number COW 2024-005255)
- On July 15, 2024, **Eamonn Harter**, a representative of *The Boise Tribune* in Eagle, Idaho, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the total numbers of temporary and permanent immigrant workers who work for the following companies as of January 31, 2024: Big D Builders Inc., Steel Building Systems LLC, Inland Crane, Inc., and Speck Steel, LLC. (Case Number COW 2024-005273)
- On July 15, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to body camera footage from each USSS agent assigned to Donald Trump’s security detail on July 13, 2024, at the rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01989)
- On July 15, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to DEI initiatives in hiring USSS agents; records regarding recruitment and training standards of USSS agents and employees who are assigned to presidential protection detail. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01994)
- On July 15, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to Thomas Matthew Crooks, the individual identified as the shooter in the assassination attempt of Donald Trump. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01987)
- On July 15, 2024, **Olivia Cohen**, a representative of *The Cedar Rapids Gazette* in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to contracts and financial statements relating to companies who assisted with emergency cleanup in Linn County, Iowa. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01123)
- On July 15, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of the **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland

Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the number of Secret Service agents assigned to Donald Trump on July 13, 2024, and records reflecting whether agents were removed from the detail or reassigned in recent weeks in advance of the July 13, 2024 rally. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01998)

- On July 15, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of the **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to Donald Trump's USSS Detail communications. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01988)
- On July 15, 2024, **Rick Jervis**, a representative of *USA Today* in Austin, Texas, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to the incident at Donald Trump's presidential campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania on July 13, 2024. (USSS Case Number 20241015)
- On July 15, 2024, **Brandon Ellis**, a private individual in Bourbonnais, Illinois, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to body cam footage from the USSS documenting the response to the incident involving an attempted assassination of Donald Trump. (USSS Case Number 20241017)
- On July 15, 2024, **Melanie Hickens**, a representative of *CNN* in Burbank, California, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to communications from Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, the Senior Official Performing the Duties of Deputy Secretary, Kristie Canegallo, and any other official in the DHS Front Office concerning increased security for Donald Trump; records from the Office of Intelligence and Analysis and the DHS Front Office or USSS relating to threats against Donald Trump. (USSS Case Number 20241020)
- On July 15, 2024, **Trenton Daniel**, a representative of *The Associated Press* in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to email communications and text communications to and from U.S. Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle that reference the July 13, 2024, assassination attempt on Donald Trump. (USSS Case Number 20241022)
- On July 15, 2024, **Jared Kofsky**, a representative of *ABC News* in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to the July 13, 2024, rally in Butler County, Pennsylvania involving Donald Trump and the associated shooting and the response to the house of Thomas Matthew Brook. (USSS Case Number 20241031)
- On July 16, 2024, **Andrew Higgins**, a private individual in Ellington, Connecticut, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to Secret Service audio recordings from the Donald Trump Pennsylvania rally leading up to the assassination attempt and why secret service ignored reports of a gunman on the roof. (USSS Case Number 20241044)
- On July 16, 2024, **Chris Nelson**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to the assassination attempt on Donald Trump at his campaign rally that was held in Butler, Pennsylvania on July 13, 2024. (USSS Case Number 20241052)

- On July 16, 2024, **Daniel Ditzhazy**, a private individual in Beverly Hills, California, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records reflecting that the FBI, Secret Service, or any other government agency had prior knowledge of the July 14, 2024, assassination attempt on Donald Trump. (USSS Case Number 20241056)
- On July 16, 2024, **Will Scolinos**, a representative of **American First Legal Foundation** in Washington D.C., requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to preparations for Secretary Mayorkas’s public and media statements regarding the July 13, 2024, assassination attempt on Donald Trump. (USSS Case Number 20241060)
- On July 17, 2024, **Jason Leopold**, a representative of **Bloomberg News** in Manhattan, New York, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to talking points prepared for senior Secret Service officials, including the director, referencing the assassination attempt on Donald Trump on July 13, 2024. (USSS Case Number 20241071)
- On July 16, 2024, **Chris Nelson**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to requests for assistance, between or among the Office of the Secretary and/or Office of the Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Secret Service, referring or relating to any potential increase or addition of protective resources to Donald Trump’s protective security detail from November 1, 2022, to present. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01999)
- On July 16, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to media communications and prep for Secretary Mayorkas and Kimberly Cheatle appearances. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02005)
- On July 16, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to Donald Trump and the “Denying Infinite Security and Government Resources Allocated toward Convicted and Extremely Dishonorable Former Protectees Act”. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02008)
- On July 16, 2024, **Michael LaFirenza**, a representative of **Lattice Publishing** in San Diego, California, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to firearms discovered at airport security checkpoints in 2023. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01421)
- On July 16, 2024, **Michael LaFirenza**, a representative of **Lattice Publishing** in San Diego, California, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to TSA claims data from 2019 to 2023. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01422)
- On July 16, 2024, **Jacob Meckler**, a representative of **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security

Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the number of Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) personnel deployed to the Southwest border each week for the month of July 2024. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01423)

- On July 16, 2024, **Andrew Silver**, a representative of **Reuters** in China, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications between the Executive Director of CBP's Trade Policy and Programs Directorate, Brandon Lord, and the Pharmaceutical Security Institute or its representatives regarding semaglutide or products containing semaglutide since December 2022. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-139743)
- On July 16, 2024, **Andrew Silver**, a representative of **Reuters**, in China, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications between the Executive Director of CBP's Trade Policy and Programs Directorate, Brandon Lord, and the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center or its representatives regarding semaglutide or products containing semaglutide since December 2022. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-139744)

**Late Requests:**

- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of Diane Sabatino to/from several domains containing the following key words: "cartels", "gotaways", "Hamas", "Terrorist Watchlist", "fentanyl", "cocaine", "drugs", and "seizure". (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114393)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal**, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of AnnMarie Highsmith to/from several domains containing the following key words: "cartels", "gotaways", "Hamas", "Terrorist Watchlist", "fentanyl", "cocaine", "drugs", and "seizure". (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114394)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal**, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of Ryan J. Scudder to/from several domains containing the following key words: "cartels", "gotaways", "Hamas", "Terrorist Watchlist", "fentanyl", "cocaine", "drugs", and "seizure". (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114395)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal**, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of Casey O. Durst to/from several domains containing the following key words: "cartels", "gotaways", "Hamas", "Terrorist Watchlist", "fentanyl", "cocaine", "drugs", and "seizure". (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114396)

- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of Peter Bachelier to/from several domains containing the following key words: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114398)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of Ken Bagwell to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114399)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of Justin Long to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114401)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of Tammy Melvin to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114403)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of Jessica Turner to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114405)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of James Yocum to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114406)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of Maya Kamar to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114408)

- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of Clint Lamm to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hamas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114409)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of James Mandryck, Nathaniel Kane, Michael Mascari, Cecilia Barreda, Rhonda Lawson, Daniel Alonso, and Marc Weinberger to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hamas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114410)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of Timothy Quinn to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hamas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114411)
- On May 27, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the email history of Ashton Washington to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hamas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114412)
- On July 10, 2024, **Dan Gooding**, a representative of *Newsweek* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to missing and deceased migrants along the Southwest border. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-136283)
- On June 20, 2024, **Matthew Petti**, a representative of *MuckRock News* in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the A-File for the late Dr. Abdollah Yamani, who was instrumental in bringing state of the art ophthalmic and microscopic surgery to Mount Vernon Hospital. (Case Number ALF 2024-000887)
- On June 20, 2024, **Marvin Vinluan**, a private individual, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the A-File of the late Donald Sutherland. (Case Number ALF 2024-000888)
- On July 8, 2024, **Julius Nyerere**, a representative of the **African Immigrant Rights Council LLC** in Derwood, Maryland, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to a copy of the most recent version of the Companion Guide to the Asylum Officer Performance Plan and Appraisal. (Case Number COW 2024-005109)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Katherine Franke**, a representative of **Columbia Law School** in New York, New York, 56 pages of records pertaining to the population and treatment of pregnant women under the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP). Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case Number CBP-FO- 2021-016461)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Warren**, a representative of the **Institute for Justice** in Arlington, Virginia, 19 pages of records pertaining to various tort claims. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-134610)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., a no records response to his request for email communications of Diane Sabatino to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hamans”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114393)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of AnnMarie Highsmith to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hamans”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114394)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of Ryan J. Scudder to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hamans”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114395)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of Casey O. Durst to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hamans”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114396)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of Peter Bachelier to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hamans”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114398)

- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of Ken Bagwell to/from several domains containing the following key words: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114399)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of Justin Long to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114401)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of Tammy Melvin to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114403)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of Jessica Turner to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114405)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of James Yocum to/from several domains containing the following key words: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114406)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of Maya Kamar to/from several domains containing the following key words: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114408)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of Clint Lamm to/from several domains containing the following key words: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hammas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114409)



- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of Timothy Quinn to/from several domains containing the following key words: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hamas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114411)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., a no-record response to his request for email communications of Ashton Washington to/from several domains containing the following keywords: “cartels”, “gotaways”, “Hamas”, “Terrorist Watchlist”, “fentanyl”, “cocaine”, “drugs”, and “seizure”. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114412)
- On July 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics** in Concord, Massachusetts, a full withhold response to her request for a Workload Staffing Model for the Forced Labor Division and a copy of a report provided to GAO of current staffing. Records were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 5. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-116974)
- On July 16, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Andrew Free**, a representative of **#DetentionKills Transparency Initiative** in Atlanta, Georgia, 16 pages of records pertaining to the Privacy Office’s Significant FOIA Activity List for the week of February 19, 2024, and ending February 25, 2024. These records were released in full. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-00958)
- On July 16, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Jim Nash**, a representative of *MuckRock News* in Boston, Massachusetts, a no-records response to his request for an audit form used by airlines regarding facial recognition. (Case Number CBP-FO-2022-133100)
- On July 16, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Warren**, a representative of the **Institute for Justice** in Arlington, Virginia, 7 pages of records pertaining to various tort claims. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-134610)
- On July 16, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Alex Nowrasteh**, a representative of the **CATO Institute** in Washington, D.C., a full denial response to his request for monthly data on Terrorist Screening Data Set encounters by the U.S. Border Patrol from January 2008 to the present. The records were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), 7(E), and 7(F). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-055822)
- On July 16, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Rebecca Heilweil**, a representative of *FedScoop* in Washington, D.C., 4 pages of records pertaining to communications sent to or from Sanjeev Bhagowalia or Scott Davis from October 7, 2023, to May 1, 2024, that mention at least one of the following terms: “West Bank”, “Gaza”, “Palestine”, or “Palestinian territories”. Portions of the

release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-101322)

#### **IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals**

- Nothing significant to report.

#### **V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

- Nothing significant to report.

#### **VI. Litigation**

- In the matter of *American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-00355)* plaintiff's FOIA request was referred to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on January 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to human trafficking and related email correspondence. Plaintiff filed suit on February 9, 2022, claiming injunctive relief. On July 8, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its sixteenth interim response, consisting of 45 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) (21-cv-02800) (2022-HQLI-00009)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on October 21, 2021, seeking records pertaining to email communications sent or received by former agency officials on January 6, 2021, related to the events at the U.S. Capitol. On July 11, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued its final response consisting of 4 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5,6,7(C) and 7(E).
- In the matter of *NBC 7 San Diego v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (19-cv-01146) (2020-HQLI-00001)* plaintiff filed a complaint on April 22, 2019, seeking records that reference or mention the words "Operation Secure Line" from September 1, 2018, through March 12, 2019; records pertaining to the "ILU-OASISS-OMEGA" San Diego sector operation. On July 12, 2024, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released a supplemental response, consisting of 104 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) (20-cv-02153)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on October 8, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of CBP personnel to protests, as a result of the death of George Floyd from May 25, 2020, through October 20, 2020. On July 12, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the twenty-seventh interim release, consisting of 234 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Foundation for National Progress, d/b/a Mother Jones v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (24-cv-02589)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 1, 2024, seeking records pertaining to I-131 Humanitarian Parole Request Logs, Significant Public Benefit Parole Request Logs, I-134A Application

Logs and Microsoft TEAMS IRAD I-131 Parole Training spreadsheet from January 1, 2021, through the present. On July 12, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 29 Excel spreadsheets and 572 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Austin Sanctuary Network et. al., v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (20-cv-01686)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 26, 2020, seeking records pertaining to current policies, procedures, guidelines, and instructions concerning when and how civil fines and penalties are issued. On July 12, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 81 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Immigrant Legal Defense v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-06348)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 2, 2023, seeking records pertaining to ICE’s recording practices, dating back to March 1, 2018, for video and audio recordings of ICE enforcement actions in California between September 28, 2020, and October 2, 2020. On July 12, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 117 pages of records and 3 video files.
- In the matter of *American First Legal Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-02168)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 13, 2021, seeking records pertaining to “written reports” referred to in the subsection titled “Weekly Reporting of All Enforcement and Removal Actions” in a memorandum from Tae D. Johnson to “All ICE Employees”. On July 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *HIRC. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-12030)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 11, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the use of solitary confinement in immigration detention. On July 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) re-released 224 pages of records and 1 Excel Spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-03344)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 29, 2023, seeking records pertaining to Carlos Roberto Rodriguez Guerra. On July 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 49 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Leopold/Buzzfeed v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (18-cv-01523) (2018-HQLI-00033)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 11, 2018, seeking records pertaining to emails sent or received by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Ombudsman Julie Kirchner, including to and from her non-DHS email account; all meeting notes, minutes and summaries prepared by or for Ms. Kirchner; and her calendar, appointment book, and phone call log. On July 15, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released the 66<sup>th</sup> interim response, consisting of 152 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Justice for Immigrant Families v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-00929)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 30, 2022,

seeking records pertaining to the scope and scale of detention in the Buffalo Field Office District (BFOD) and records regarding the treatment of people detained at Batavia, including accommodations for disabled people. On July 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 514 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***ACLU of Northern California v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-07534)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 26, 2022, seeking records pertaining to template forms used by inspection officials in conducting ICE detention facility inspections as overseen by ICE Office of Detention Oversight (ODO). On July 17, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the plaintiff 54 pages of records and 52 Excel Spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01395)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 20, 2019, seeking records pertaining to email communications sent to or received by any employee or representative of several mentioned entities; communication and calendar entries involving anyone with an email address ending in @who.eop.gov regarding Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP). On July 17, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the plaintiff 154 pages of records.
- In the matter of ***Muslim Advocates v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (17-cv-02080) (2018-HQLI-00006)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 5, 2017, pertaining to the enforcement of the waiver provisions of the Second Executive Order. On July 17, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland (DHS) Privacy Office released 164 pages in full and 86 pages will be released in part pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5.
- In the matter of ***America First Legal Foundation v. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) (22-cv-01255) (2023-HQLI-00004)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 4, 2022, seeking records relating to CISA’s Countering Foreign Influence Task Force (CFITF), “Mis-, Dis-, and Malinformation” (MDM) team, policies and directives relating to the 2020 election. On July 17, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 23 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 23 pages, 22 are being released in full and 1 page will be released in part pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6.

### **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

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**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
July 25, 2024- July 31, 2024  
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August 5, 2024  
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**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is moving forward with plans to publish records in the e-Reading room.
- The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) is presently examining FOIA Logs for the fiscal year 2024 quarters 1 and 2 to publish in the FOIA Library.
- On July 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library 52 directives, handbook chapters, and memorandums (totaling 813 pages)
- On July 31, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the 2024 Mesa Verde ICE Processing Center detention facility compliance inspection report (8 pages).
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**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On July 25, 2024, **Lucas Thomae**, a private individual, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to a copy of a map titled “Princeville Recovery Work Map – Potential Annex Location,” authored by J. Richardson and dated March 21, 2017. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01159)
- On July 25, 2024, **Jean Eaglesham**, a representative of *The Wall Street Journal* in London, United Kingdom, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to the National Flood Insurance Program’s latest policy and premiums data. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01160)
- On July 25, 2024, **Nathan Mayberg**, a representative of *The Fort Myers – Beach Observer Breeze Newspapers*, in Cape Coral, Florida, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to a letter sent from FEMA to the Town of Fort Myers Beach notifying the town of a decision regarding the Nation Flood Insurance Program. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01167)
- On July 25, 2024, **Jason Pagano**, a representative of *KUOW Puget Sound Public Radio*, in Seattle, Washington, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records

pertaining to the case logs and investigation report for a barge incident that occurred in Elliott Bay on November 2, 2023. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02381)

- On July 25, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **American First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) records pertaining to the creation of “Bipartisan Independent Law Enforcement Experts” mentioned in the press release titled “Secretary Mayorkas Names Bipartisan Independent Law Enforcement Experts For 45-Day Independent Review of July 13, 2024, Attempted Assassination of Former President Donald Trump”. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02114)
- On July 25, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **American First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) records pertaining to a FOIA request made by Senator Chuck Grassley on July 23, 2024. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02115)
- On July 26, 2024, **Kassandra Gonzalez**, a representative of the **Texas Civil Rights Project** in Austin, Texas, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to incident descriptions concerning the use of pepper ball guns, and use of racist or offensive language by Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Military Department, or Texas Army National Guard personnel in El Paso County. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-144860)
- On July 26, 2024, **Kassandra Gonzalez**, a representative of the **Texas Civil Rights Project** in Austin, Texas, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to all directives, procedures, and training materials concerning CBP’s cooperation or coordination with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Military Department, or Texas National Guard. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-144867)
- On July 28, 2024, **Dayten O’Donnell**, a private individual in Parish, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to body worn camera footage of the March 8, 2024, incident involving a helicopter crash that killed two Army National Guardsmen and a U.S. Board Patrol agent. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-145161)
- On July 29, 2024, **Madeleine Rowley**, a representative of **The Free Press** in Ellicott City, Maryland, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the total number of people on the Transnational Organized Crime list who requested to sponsor an Unaccompanied Child between January 1, 2021, and July 23, 2024. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-48988)
- On July 31, 2024, **Will Scolinos**, a representative of **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications, and any records reflecting preparations for Secretary Mayorkas’s public and media statements regarding the July 13, 2024, assassination attempt of Donald Trump. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02170)

**Late Requests:**

- On March 12, 2024, **Jeremy Jong**, a representative of **Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center (CREEC)**, **Texas Civil Rights Project (TCRP)**, and **Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights (Young Center)** in Maywood, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the compliance of the CBP One application with Sections 504 and 508 from January 1, 2023, through July 24, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-073432)
- On July 5, 2024, **James M. Mathieu**, a representative of **Mathieu & Associates, LLC**, in Somers, Montana, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the USCG nominations for appointment to the Department of Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Military Services (DACOWITS) submitted to DACOWITS in May 2023. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02407)
- On July 15, 2024, **Jeff Kindl**, a representative of **Kindl Marine Consulting LLC**, in Mandeville, Louisiana, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the awarded contract for Waterways Commerce Cutters. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02400)
- On July 16, 2024, **Davis Hovey**, a representative of **KMXT Radio**, in Kodiak, Alaska, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the most recent USCG Housing Market Survey referencing USCG Base Kodiak. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02379)
- On July 23, 2024, **Gergana Georgieva**, a private individual in Birmingham, Alabama, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to a list of foreign nationals charged nationwide with unlawful voting in the 2016 and 2020 U.S. presidential elections and how many of them were removed. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-47932)
- On July 24, 2024, **Madeleine Rowley**, a representative of **The Free Press** in Ellicott City, Maryland, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the number of Homeland Security Investigation (HSI) agents who were detailed to work at the U.S. Southern Border. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-48229)
- On July 24, 2024, **Bill Geerhart**, a private individual in Plymouth, Michigan, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to any court-martials of USCG personnel assigned to the USS Cambria or stationed in Nagasaki, Japan between 1945 and 1946. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02377)
- On July 24, 2024, **Betsy Badell**, a representative of **Telemundo** in Miami, Florida, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protections (CBP) records pertaining to surveillance videos related to the in-custody death of Cuban national, Idania Osorio Dominguez, on January 2, 2023, in Eagle Pass, Texas. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-143638)



### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On July 25, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Chris Nelson**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., 12 pages of records pertaining to communications between DHS officials and any representative of The Washington Post, The Associated Press, Politico, and CNN regarding the potential impeachment of Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas from November 1, 2022, through the present. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-HQFO-00975)
- On July 25, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Sofia Mejias-Pascoe**, a representative of **Inewssource** in San Diego, California, 12 pages of records pertaining to Standard Form 95's submitted to the San Diego Office of Chief Counsel from January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-007025)
- On July 26, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Gus Bova**, a representative of **The Texas Observer** in Austin, Texas, 876 pages of records pertaining to emails sent to or from "commentsenv@cbp.dhs.gov" between August 1, 2018, and January 1, 2019. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2019-021898)
- On July 26, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Bier**, a representative of **The Cato Institute** in Washington, D.C., two spreadsheets pertaining to data of individuals in possession of fentanyl or heroin encountered by CBP for FY 2019 through FY 2024. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-005880)
- On July 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Michael Howell**, a representative of **The Heritage Foundation** in Washington, D.C., 5 pages of records pertaining to documents to or from any of the individuals from the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, the Privacy Office, the I&A Intelligence Oversight Officer and the Office of the General Counsel - Intelligence Law Division regarding intelligence products that reference: truck(s), trucker(s), truck driver(s), trucker convoy, people's convoy and/or freedom convoy. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number 2022-HQFO-01351)
- On July 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Aleaziz Hamed**, a representative of the **New York Times** in Healdsburg, California, 2 pages of records mentioning 19 U.S. Code § 1459 created by the Del Rio Sector or by CBP headquarters between February 2021 and June 2023. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-108538)
- On July 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Dayten O'Donnell**, a private individual in Parish, New York, a no-records response to his request for body-worn camera footage involving a helicopter crash that killed two

Army National Guardsmen and a U.S. Border Patrol agent. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-145161)

- On July 30, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Michael Howell**, a representative of **The Heritage Foundation** in Washington, D.C., 210 pages of records pertaining to calendar invites for Pete Flores, Stephanie Talton, and Troy Miller. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-014561)
- On July 31, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Emma Rindlisbacher**, a representative of **Lunar Systematics** in Centreville, Virginia, 198 pages of records pertaining to the Forced Labor Case Management Application User Guide. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-116978)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (20-cv-01583)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 16, 2019, records pertaining to efforts toward family reunification and the release of the minor from the DHS custody and/or facilities, as required by Paragraph 18 of the *Flores* Settlement. On July 25, 2024, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 706 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Los Angeles Times Communications LLC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-10911)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 29, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Investigation Closing Reports related to sexual assault, sexual abuse, or harassment allegations at dedicated Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) facilities. On July 25, 2024, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1140 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the *Immigrant Defense Project v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-01153)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 10, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the creation, implementation, or oversight of supervision programs including the Orders of Supervision Program (OSUP) and the Alternative to Detention (ATD) Program, Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) and the ATD Case Management Pilot Program from December 19, 2019, to the present. On July 25, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 998 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Center to Advance Security in America v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01934) (2022-HQLI-00049)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on July 5, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the decision to change the mission and name of the reorganized Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3); Records related to the January 6th Capital riot; Records that contain a list of non-profit organizations, social media and technology companies, cultural organizations, or other community organizations that have applied or received federal funds in any form since January 21, 2021, as part of a CP3 Partnership. On July 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 126 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 3, 5, and 6.
- In the matter of *RMIAN v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02359)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 10, 2022, seeking records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On July 26, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 207 pages of records and 20 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Elizabeth Jordan v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-02681)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 13, 2023, seeking records pertaining to Calero Mendoza. On July 26, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 207 pages of records and 20 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Immigration Council v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (24-cv-00975)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 21, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the agency’s implementation of the Family Expedited Removal Management (FERM) Program. On July 26, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 11 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Al Otro Lado v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01525)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to FOIA logs for the period of October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2021. On July 29, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 819 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Kim Lain. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (24-cv-00037) (2024-HQLI-00026)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 6, 2023, seeking records pertaining to communications related to a memorandum titled “Retaining Private Counsel for a Federal Official Subject to Impeachment Processes”. On July 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 6 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 6 pages of records, 1 page is released in part and 5 pages are withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5.
- In the matter of *America First Policy Institute v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01039)(2024-HQLI-00006)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on

July 22, 2021, seeking records pertaining to e-mail communications between officers or employees of the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) that were either sent to, or received from, the e-mail domains @fb.com, @google.com, and/or @twitter.com. On July 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 34 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 34 pages, one page is released in full, and 33 pages are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.

- In the matter of *America First Policy Institute v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-01039)(2024-HQLI-00006)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 22, 2021, seeking records pertaining to e-mail communications between officers or employees of the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) that were either sent to, or received from, the e-mail domains @fb.com, @google.com, and/or @twitter.com. On July 29, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 34 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 34 pages, one page is released in full, and 33 pages are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.
- In the matter of *Lianet Alvarez Osorio v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (23-cv-03779)* plaintiff filed a complaint on February 6, 2024, seeking records regarding the death of her mother, Idania Osorio Dominguez on January 2, 2023, in the Eagle Pass Soft Sided Facility. On July 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the fourth interim release, consisting of 89 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (19-cv-01764)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 8, 2019, seeking records pertaining to email communications from Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, ICE Director Homan, ICE Deputy Director Vitello, and CBP Commissioner McAleenan pertaining to the treatment of vulnerable detainees. On July 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its fifty-fourth interim response consisting of 26 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Emery Celli Brinckerhoff Abady Ward & Maazel LLP v. United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (22-cv-02891)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 22, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications between CBP and Loyal Source Government Services (LSGS) regarding staffing and medical services provided by LSGS at Weslaco and McAllen Border Patrol Stations from June 2018 to July 2019. Plaintiff filed suit on April 7, 2022, claiming injunctive relief. On July 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its twenty-second interim response consisting of 115 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Civil Liberties Union v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-03204)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 20, 2020, seeking records pertaining to Mortality Reviews created by the Immigrant Health Service Corps (IHSC) regarding the death of Anthony Jones aka Henry Missick. On

July 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 276 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Human Rights Defense Center v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-02291)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 30, 2021, seeking records pertaining to contracts active at any time from January 1, 2010, between ICE and eleven companies which owned, operated, or managed detention facilities. On July 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 427 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-04760)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 29, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the hospitalization, death, decision to release from custody or release from custody of several individuals. On July 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 19 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Black Alliance v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-06239)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 10, 2021, seeking records pertaining to ICE's use of force, solitary confinement, access to medical treatment, and other conditions that impact Black immigrants in ICE detention. On July 31, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 784 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Immigrant Legal Resource Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (21-cv-09208)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 14, 2021, seeking records pertaining to weekly reports ICE field offices are required to provide to the Office of the Director, the Office of the Deputy Director, and the Office of Policy and Planning (OPP) pursuant to the Johnson memorandum. On July 31, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Justice and Diversity Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (22-cv-08902)***, plaintiff filed a complaint on July 12, 2022, seeking records pertaining to emails, policy guidance, training, and other government records related to the Dedicated Docket Program for family immigration cases at the Southwest Border. On July 31, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 495 pages of records and 4 Excel spreadsheets to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Kenneth White v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (24-cv-01140)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 5, 2023, seeking records regarding the HSI Visa Security Program (VSP). On July 31, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 295 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the ***Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and Al Otro Lado (AOL) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (19-cv-03438)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 31, 2019, seeking records pertaining to the screening, inspection, or processing of unaccompanied non-citizen children on the Southern

border from May 2018 through the present. Plaintiff filed suit on November 15, 2019, claiming injunctive relief. On July 31, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its forty-sixth interim response, consisting of 329 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of the ***State of Florida v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)(21-cv-14462)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the impacts of DHS's September 30, 2021, immigration enforcement guidance. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2021, claiming injunctive relief. On July 31, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its 25th interim response consisting of 402 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-10479)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 24, 2021, seeking records pertaining to humanitarian parole applications and adjudication in the State of Arizona, from January 1, 2016, to the date of the request. Plaintiff filed suit on March 2, 2023, to compel U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to release records. On July 31, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its sixth interim release consisting of 20 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Haitian Bridge Alliance v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-08344) (2023-HQLI-00001)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the treatment of the 15,000 Haitian migrants in Del Rio, Texas in September 2021, including efforts to provide food, water, clothing, housing and medical care to migrants; actions to determine whether migrants should be removed or expelled; and coordination between law enforcement agencies and with other countries. On July 31, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 215 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of ***Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-00552) (2023-HQLI-00027)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 12, 2022, seeking records pertaining to CISA senior officials' meetings on election security with the private sector and Election Infrastructure council groups. On August 1, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office will issue an interim response consisting of 141 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, and 7(E).

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- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On August 1, 2024, **Hayes Gardner**, a representative of *The Baltimore Sun* in Baltimore, Maryland, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to grant funding for Maryland bridges and correspondences between FEMA and Maryland Port Administration regarding the Frances Scott Key Bridge. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01203)
- On August 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to a calendar export and all congressional communications to or from several named CBP personnel from the following email domains: @nss.eop.gov, @ustr.eop.gov, @cea.eop.gov, @ostp.eop.gov, @ceq.eop.gov, @nsc.eop.gov, @omb.eop.gov, @eop.gov, @who.eop.gov, and @ovp.eop.gov for the month of July 2024. *Note: The requestor submitted multiple requests of the same subject.* (Case numbers CBP-FO-2024-147507, CBP-FO-2024-147508, CBP-FO-2024-147509, CBP-FO-2024-147510, CBP-FO-2024-147623, CBP-FO-2024-147624, CBP-FO-2024-147625, CBP-FO-2024-147626, CBP-FO-2024-147627, CBP-FO-2024-147629, CBP-FO-2024-147630, CBP-FO-2024-147628, CBP-FO-2024-147640, CBP-FO-2024-147641, CBP-FO-2024-147642, CBP-FO-2024-147643, CBP-FO-2024-147644)
- On August 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to images or videos of seized Fentanyl taken by the Border Patrol during the month of June 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-147544)
- On August 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to encounters between Border Patrol officers, agents, or contractors and Iranian, Venezuelan, North Korean, or Chinese nationals during the month of June 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-147546)



- On August 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to documents that were produced by the agency in response to FOIA litigation from the month of June 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-147699)
- On August 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to calendar entries, flight logs, and email communications from Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security for the month of July. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02168)
- On August 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to calendar entries, congressional correspondences, and emails from @eop.gov, @who.eop.gov, @ovp.eop.gov, @mail.house.gov, @senate.gov for Zephranie Buetow, Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs for the month of July. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02177)
- On August 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to calendar entries, congressional correspondences, and emails from @eop.gov, @who.eop.gov, @ovp.eop.gov, @mail.house.gov, @senate.gov for Stephanie Doherty, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Senate Affairs, Office of Legislative Affairs for the month of July. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02198)
- On August 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to calendar entries, congressional correspondences, and emails from @eop.gov, @who.eop.gov, @ovp.eop.gov, @mail.house.gov, @senate.gov for Joshua Salpeter, Legislative Affairs Specialist, Office of Legislative Affairs for the month of July. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02199)
- On August 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a private individual in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to calendar entries, congressional correspondences, and emails from @eop.gov, @who.eop.gov, @ovp.eop.gov, @mail.house.gov, @senate.gov for Cursten Knott, Deputy Assistant Secretary for House Affairs, Office of Legislative Affairs for the month of July. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02197)
- On August 1, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of the **Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to calendar entries, congressional correspondence, and communications to/from congressional offices or committees for Thomas C. Sivak, Regional Administrator, for the month of July. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01176)
- On August 2, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **America First legal Foundations** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the internal report about fraud in the vetting of Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans (the CHNV Program)

mentioned by Fox News in its August 2, 2024, article titled “Biden Admin Freezes Controversial Migrant Flight Program After Fraud Revelations”. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02367)

- On August 2, 2024, **Joel Khalili**, a representative of **WIRED** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the IT outage on July 19, 2024, caused by a defective software issue by CrowdStrike between July 19, 2024, and July 31, 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-148176)
- On August 2, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications between several named CBP personnel and the following email domains (including meeting/calendar invites): @splcenter.org, @demos.org, @adl.org, @electionexcellence.org, @aclu.org, @campaignlegal.org, @advancingjustice-aajc.org, @fairfight.org, @techandciviclifef.org, @electioninnovation.org, @narf.org, @maldef.org, @fairelectionscenter.org, @civilrights.org, @opensocietyfoundations.org, @newventurefund.org, @faircount.org, @brennancenter.org, @democracyfund.org, @democracyfundvoice.org, @rockthevote.org, @northfund.org, @triggerthevote.org, @waytowin.us, @fordfoundation.org, @2hadvisors.org, @thesvf.org, @jsoros.com, @wyssfoundation.org, @omidyar.com, @arabellaadvisors.com from January 20, 2021 to present. *Note: The requestor submitted multiple requests pertaining to the same subject.* (Case numbers CBP-FO-2024-148463, CBP-FO-2024-148464, CBP-FO-2024-148465, CBP-FO-2024-148466, CBP-FO-2024-148467, CBP-FO-2024-148475, CBP-FO-2024-148476, CBP-FO-2024-148477, CBP-FO-2024-148478, CBP-FO-2024-148496)
- On August 2, 2024, **Georgina Jimenez Rios**, a representative of **Public Health Watch** in San Antonio, Texas, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the average processing time for I-360 Violence Against Women Act petitions each month from July 2019 through July 2024. (Case Number COW 2024-005788)
- On August 5, 2024, **Christopher Meier**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to contracts between USCIS and Brilliant Corporation for the National Benefit Center. (Case Number CNT 2024-000035)
- On August 5, 2024, **Gina Jimenez**, a representative of **Public Health Watch** in San Antonio, Texas, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the processing time for Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant (I-360) for Violence Against Women Act from July 2019 to July 2024. (Case Number COW 2024-005820)
- On August 6, 2024, a private individual in Murrieta, California, requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to emails

received and sent to rivconews@gmail.com between August 1, 2024, and August 5th, 2024. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00207)

**Late Requests:**

- On June 17, 2024, **Don Le**, a representative of **The State Board Court of California** in Los Angeles, California, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the A-File of Emilie Christine Pesante, a well-known French Cinematographer. (Case Number NRC 2024-288265)
- On June 30, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to email communications to/from a list of email domains including all attachments, during the months of January 20, 2021, to present, concerning 46 FEMA high-level employees. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01206)
- On July 22, 2024, **Anne Kyi**, a representative of **Free Burma Society LLC** in Ashburn, Virginia, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the Affirmative Asylum Procedures Manual Appendices, Forms, Templates and Local Versions used at the Arlington Asylum Office. (Case Number COW 2024-005440)
- On July 23, 2024, **Matthew Petti**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the A-File of the late Karola Ruth Westheimer. (Case Number ALF 2024-001098)
- On July 25, 2024, **Matthew Petti**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the A-File of the late Martin Sean Indyk, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel. (Case Number ALF 2024-001127)
- On July 26, 2024, **Sejal Zota**, a representative of **Just Futures Law** in Canton, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to USCIS' use of Artificial Intelligence in immigration decisions. (Case Number COW 2024-005573)
- On July 26, 2024, **Sejal Zota**, a representative of **Just Futures Law** in Canton, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to USCIS' use of Automated Text Analytics (ATA). (Case Number COW 2024-005574)
- On July 26, 2024, **Sejal Zota**, a representative of **Just Futures Law** in Canton, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the Use and Development of Generative AI, including Large Language Models used by USCIS. (Case Number COW 2024-005575)
- On July 26, 2024, **Sejal Zota**, a representative of **Just Futures Law** in Canton, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to FDNS-DS NextGen, a case management system. (Case Number COW 2024-005576)

- On July 26, 2024, **Sejal Zota**, a representative of **Just Futures Law** in Canton, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the Predicted to Naturalize Tool. (Case Number COW 2024-005577)
- On July 30, 2024, **Emma Lewis**, a representative of **American Oversight** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Personnel Delegation documents or memoranda concerning policies and procedures for Reduction in Forces from October 1, 2020, through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-005678)
- On July 31, 2024, **Ishaan Khanna**, a representative of the **American Immigrant Investor Alliance** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to data for all I-526, and I-526E immigrant petitions by alien investors filed with USCIS for several countries from April 1, 2022, through July 31, 2024. (Case Number COW 2024-005728)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On July 30, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Amber Qureshi**, a representative of the **National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild** in Washington, D.C., 7 pages of records pertaining to the creation of the Denaturalization Section within the Office of Immigration Litigation in the U.S. Department of Justice. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number ALF 2020-000375)
- On July 31, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Matthew Petti**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, 92 pages of records pertaining to the A-File for the late Dr. Abdollah Yamani, who was instrumental in bringing state of the art ophthalmic and microscopic surgery to Mount Vernon Hospital. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, and 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number ALF 2024-000887)
- On July 31, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Marvin Vinluan**, a private individual, 278 pages of records pertaining to the A-File for the late Donald Sutherland. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number ALF 2024-000888)
- On August 1, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jonah Newman**, a representative of **Injustice Watch** in Chicago, Illinois, 2 Excel spreadsheets and 1,571 pages of records pertaining to guidance on credibility determinations in asylum interviews, guidance regarding asylum fraud determinations, and de-identified data on all affirmative asylum cases decided from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number COW 2020-000051)
- On August 1, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Christopher Cann**, a representative of **Fresh Take Florida** in Gainesville, Florida, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to Florida residents flagged as ineligible for

employment through E-Verify from January 1, 2020, through March 2, 2021. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2021-000803)

- On August 1, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Kennji Kizuka**, a representative of **Human Rights First** in New York, New York, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to withholding/deferral of removals issued by USCIS from 2008 through 2021. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2021-001978)
- On August 1, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services released to **Don Le**, a representative of **The State Board Court of California** in Los Angeles, California, 1,942 pages of records pertaining to the A-File of Emilie Christine Pesante, a well-known French Cinematographer. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number NRC 2024-288265)
- On August 2, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Amber Quershi**, a representative of the **National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild** in Washington, D.C., 546 pages of records pertaining to adoption under Islamic law as well as data regarding I-130 petitions where a party is an adopter or adoptee. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 6. (Case Number COW 2019-501862)
- On August 6, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **David Bier**, a representative of the **Cato Institute** in Washington, D.C., one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to credible fear and reasonable fear for FY2008 through the present. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2021-001253)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Luisa Duncan v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (24-cv-01309)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 24, 2019, seeking records pertaining to training information regarding the roles and rights of private attorneys during a USCIS interview. On July 26, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 100 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Luisa Duncan v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (24-cv-01309)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 6, 2020, seeking records pertaining to communications between Luisa Duncan and a specified USCIS employee. On July 26, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 130 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Luisa Duncan v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (24-cv-01309)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 23, 2020, seeking records from August 5, 2020, through October 1, 2020, relating to all notes, and emails by

USCIS employees regarding FOIA request COW2020002007. On July 26, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 7 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Luisa Duncan v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (24-cv-01309)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 18, 202, seeking records pertaining to a previous FOIA Request COW2020003066. On July 26, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 49 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-07038)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 7, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the use of third-party providers for social media monitoring operations. On July 30, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 500 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Hoang v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (24-cv-01369)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 25, 2024, seeking records pertaining to the adjudication of Form I-526s, specifically regarding investors who utilize third-party money exchangers. On July 30, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 450 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter ***Reclaim the Records v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23-cv-01997)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to email communications from January 1, 2015, through February 12, 2021, sent to or received by Tammy Meckley, Associate Director, Immigration Records and Identity Services Directorate (IRIS) that contain any form of the following words: genealogy. On July 31, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 201 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***International Refugee Assistance Project v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of State (DOS) (23-cv-08790)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 5, 2023, seeking records pertaining to the memorandums on revised Guidance on Informal Camp Marriages, publicly available chapters from the Code of Federal Regulations, IRAD Marriage Guidance Policy, Executive Order on Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs to Resettle Refugees, and Planning for the Impact of Climate Change. On July 31, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 888 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Immigrant Investor Alliance v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (23 -cv-03543)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to certain issues raised in the Government Accountability Office's March 28, 2023, report on the EB-5 Program. On July 31, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 246 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-01498)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 4, 2022, requesting all records issued by Acting ICE Director Tae Johnson titled

“REMINDER: Detention Policy Where an Immigration Judge has Granted Asylum, Withholding of Removal, or Convention Against Torture Protection, and DHS has appealed”. On August 1, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 70 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***Project on Government Oversight, Inc., v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (19-cv-03372)***, plaintiff filed multiple FOIA requests from May 29, 2018, to June 17, 2019, requesting any communications between government officials and representatives of Amazon regarding facial recognition technology. On August 2, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 17 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Project South and Center for Constitutional Rights v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-08440)***, plaintiff filed three FOIA requests in April and June 2021 seeking records pertaining to the removals of Cameroonian and other African migrants, from August 1, 2020, to January 19, 2021, and ICE deportations of Cameroonian and other African migrants, from August 1, 2020, to February 26, 2021. On August 2, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet and 39 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Project South v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-03205)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 12, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the medical care of women in ICE custody at the Stewart Detention Center (SDC) in Lumpkin, Georgia. On August 5, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 53 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Federation for American Immigration Reform v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-03136) (2024-HQLI-00012)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 26, 2023, seeking records pertaining to DHS initiatives that identify and returns previously deported non-citizens that were announced July 2, 2021. On August 5, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 62 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 62 pages, 56 pages were released in full and 6 pages are being released in part pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.
- In the matter of ***Federation for American Immigration Reform v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-03136) (2024-HQLI-00012)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 26, 2023, seeking records pertaining to DHS initiatives that identify and returns previously deported non-citizens that were announced July 2, 2021. On August 5, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 62 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 62 pages, 56 pages were released in full, and 6 pages were released in part pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.
- In the matter of ***Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (23-cv-03240)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 5, 2023, seeking records pertaining to email correspondence sent from ICE’s political appointees, from January 21, 2021, through the date of the search. On August 5, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 364 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Heritage Foundation v. FBI (23-cv-02882) (2024-HQLI-00001)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on July 13, 2022, seeking records from individuals within: DHS immediate Office of the Secretary; Office of Intelligence and Analysis; Office of Homeland Security Situational Awareness; Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; Office of Partnership and Engagement; and the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties containing the keywords “splcenter.org,” “Moms for Liberty,” “Tiffany Justice,” or “Tina Descovich”. On August 7, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released a supplemental response, consisting of 40 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 6.

### **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells



**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
August 8, 2024- August 14, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
August 19, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- Nothing significant to report.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On August 8, 2024, **Susan Long**, a representative of **Transactional Records Access Clearing House (TRAC)**, in Syracuse, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to case-by-case data on apprehensions from November 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-150915)
- On August 8, 2024, **Susan Long**, a representative of **Transactional Records Access Clearing House (TRAC)** in Syracuse, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to case-by-case data on inadmissibles from November 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-150919)
- On August 8, 2024, **Kimery Anthony**, a private individual in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to a copy of the complete unredacted April 26, 2024, Department of Homeland Security Report on Reducing the Risks at the Intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Threats, that was prepared for, and delivered to, the White House. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02450)
- On August 8, 2024, **Andrew Fels**, a representative of **Al Otro Lado** in Knoxville, Tennessee, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to CBP in-custody deaths from January 1, 2016, through August 9, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-150967)
- On August 9, 2024, **John Monaghan**, a representative of the **American Center for Law & Justice (ACLJ)**, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to any communications mentioning Kamala Harris and border czar from March 1, 2021, through August 12, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-151995)
- On August 11, 2024, **Dennis Mikolay**, a private individual in Toms River, New Jersey, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records

pertaining to the A File of the late Dr. Ranko Brashich, former Chief of Intelligence for the Royal Yugoslav Army in World War II. (Case Number ALF 2024-001217)

- On August 11, 2024, **Dennis Mikolay**, a private individual in Toms River, New Jersey, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the A File of the late Vojislav Pantelich, a former Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Yugoslav Army. (Case Number ALF 2024-001227)
- On August 12, 2024, **Christopher Meier**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to a copy of the contract between USCIS and Brilliant Corporation for the National Benefit Center. (Case Number CNT 2024-000037)
- On August 12, 2024, **Kristin Macleod-Ball**, a representative of **National Immigration Litigation Alliance** in Brookline, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the implementation and/or operation of USCIS' two-track system for scheduling asylum interviews and related data. (Case Number COW 2024-005980)
- On August 12, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of **The Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to a calendar export and all communications to or from several named CBP personnel related to the relocation of migrants via plane from California to Texas from July 1, 2024, to August 13, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-152757)
- On August 12, 2024, **Timothy Wolfe**, a representative of **Cleary Gottlieb** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the training, supervision, and instruction of Border Patrol agents, including CBP's Horse Patrol Unit, in effect during the period July 2021 through December 2021. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-152760)
- On August 12, 2024, **Joseph Vukson** requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to the current health status of the President of the United States of America, Joseph R. Biden Jr. (Case Number USSS 20241278)
- On August 12, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of **The Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to any communications mentioning Kamala Harris and border czar from July 20, 2024, to August 13, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-152762)
- On August 12, 2024, **Erin Siegal McIntyre**, a representative of the **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, requested from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) records pertaining to narrative answers received between January 1, 2018, through the present in relation to a FLETC misconduct form. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00210)
- On August 13, 2024, **James Percival**, a representative of **My Florida Legal** in Tallahassee, Florida, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to processing procedures of persons on the terrorist watchlist from January 20, 2021, to August 13, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-153229)

- On August 13, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications sent from several CBP officials mentioning “Biden”, “parkinsons” and “dementia”, from January 20, 2021, to August 14, 2024. (Case Numbers CBP-FO-2024-153453 and CBP-FO-2024-153454)
- On August 13, 2024, **Maira McCammon**, a representative of *Tulane University*, in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records from February 2013 to August 13, 2024, concerning Tweets deleted or drafted and not sent from the @CBPLosAngeles, @CBPGreatPlains, @CBPFlorida, @CBPAfrica @CBPMiddleEast, @CBPNorthAmerica, @CBPAsiaPacifc accounts associated with the CBP in Los Angeles. (Case Numbers CBP-FO-2024-153530, CBP-FO-2024-153531, CBP-FO-2024-153533, CBP-FO-2024-153534, CBP-FO-2024-153536, CBP-FO-2024-153537, and CBP-FO-2024-153539)
- On August 13, 2024, **Kala Hunter**, a representative of *Ledger-Enquirer* in Columbus, Georgia requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to a list of all flood insurance claims and/or requests for help under the National Flood Insurance Program from August 3, 2024, to August 15, 2024, in Bulloch, Effingham, Bryan, and Chatham County in the state of Georgia. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01294)
- On August 13, 2024, **Tegan Wendland**, a representative of **Mississippi River Basin Ag & Water Desk** in New Orleans, Louisiana requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to a list of projects receiving funds through the Fiscal Year 2024 Fall High Hazard Potential Dam Grant for the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Minnesota, and Kansas. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01293)
- On August 13, 2024, **Emeline Posner**, a representative of **Investigative Project on Race and Equity** Chicago, Illinois, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to reports containing performance measures filed by the FY2023 recipients of FEMA's Shelter and Services Program, receiving funds for shelter services for newly arriving migrants to several cities. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01292)
- On August 13, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to communications between several FEMA officials mentioning “Biden”, “25th”, “Parkinson’s” or “dementia” from January 2021 to the present. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01298)
- On August 13, 2024, **Breanna Morello**, a representative of *B More Media LLC* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to email communications mentioning “Tulsi Gabbard” or “Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard” from May 1, 2024, to August 18, 2024. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01714)
- On August 13, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between several DHS officials

and employees mentioning “Biden”, “25th”, “Parkinson’s” or “dementia”. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02492, 2024-HQFO-02493, 2024-HQFO-02494,2024-HQFO-02495,2024-HQFO-02496,2024-HQFO-02497,2024-HQFO-02498,2024-HQFO-02499, 2024-HQFO-02500, 2024-HQFO-02501, 2024-HQFO-02502, 2024-HQFO-02503, 2024-HQFO-02504, 2024-HQFO-02505,2024-HQFO-02506,2024-HQFO-02507,2024-HQFO-02508,2024-HQFO-02509,2024-HQFO-02510,2024-HQFO-02511,2024-HQFO-02512,2024-HQFO-02513,2024-HQFO-02514,2024-HQFO-02515,2024-HQFO-02516,2024-HQFO-02517,2024-HQFO-02518,2024-HQFO-02519,2024-HQFO-02520,2024-HQFO-02521,2024-HQFO-02522,2024-HQFO-02523,2024-HQFO-02524,2024-HQFO-02525,2024-HQFO-02526,2024-HQFO-02527,2024-HQFO-02528,2024-HQFO-02529,2024-HQFO-02530,2024-HQFO-02531,2024-HQFO-02532,2024-HQFO-02533,2024-HQFO-02534,2024-HQFO-02535,2024-HQFO-0253,2024-HQFO-02537,2024-HQFO-02538,2024-HQFO-02539,2024-HQFO-02540,2024-HQFO-02541,2024-HQFO-0254,2024-HQFO-02543,2024-HQFO-02544,2024-HQFO-02545,2024-HQFO-02546,2024-HQFO-02547,2024-HQFO-02548,2024-HQFO-02549,2024-HQFO-02550,2024-HQFO-02551,2024-HQFO-02552,2024-HQFO-02553,2024-HQFO-02554,2024-HQFO-02555,2024-HQFO-02556,2024-HQFO-02557,2024-HQFO-02558,2024-HQFO-02559,2024-HQFO-02560,2024-HQFO-02561,2024-HQFO-02562,2024-HQFO-02563,2024-HQFO-02564,2024-HQFO-02565,2024-HQFO-02566,2024-HQFO-02567,2024-HQFO-02568,2024-HQFO-02569,2024-HQFO-02570,2024-HQFO-02571,2024-HQFO-02572,2024-HQFO-02573,2024-HQFO-02574,2024-HQFO-02575,2024-HQFO-02576,2024-HQFO-02577,2024-HQFO-02578,2024-HQFO-02579,2024-HQFO-02580,2024-HQFO-02581,2024-HQFO-02582,2024-HQFO-02583,2024-HQFO-02584,2024-HQFO-0258,2024-HQFO-02586,2024-HQFO-02587,2024-HQFO-02588,2024-HQFO-02589,2024-HQFO-02590,2024-HQFO-02591,2024-HQFO-02592,2024-HQFO-02593,2024-HQFO-02594,2024-HQFO-02595,2024-HQFO-02596,2024-HQFO-02597,2024-HQFO-02598,2024-HQFO-02599,2024-HQFO-02600,2024-HQFO-02601,2024-HQFO-02602,2024-HQFO-02603,2024-HQFO-02604,2024-HQFO-02605,2024-HQFO-02606,2024-HQFO-02607,2024-HQFO-02608,2024-HQFO-02609,2024-HQFO-02610,2024-HQFO-02611,2024-HQFO-02612,2024-HQFO-02613,2024-HQFO-02614,2024-HQFO-02615,2024-HQFO-02616,2024-HQFO-02617,2024-HQFO-02618,2024-HQFO-02619,2024-HQFO-02620,2024-HQFO-02621,2024-HQFO-02622,2024-HQFO-02623,2024-HQFO-02624,2024-HQFO-02625,2024-HQFO-02626,2024-HQFO-02627,2024-HQFO-02628,2024-HQFO-02629,2024-HQFO-02630,2024-HQFO-02631,2024-HQFO-02632,2024-HQFO-02633,2024-HQFO-02634,2024-HQFO-02635,2024-HQFO-02636,2024-HQFO-02637,2024-HQFO-02638,2024-HQFO-02639,2024-HQFO-02640,2024-HQFO02641,2024-HQFO-02450

- On August 13, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to communications between several TSA officials mentioning “Biden”, “25th”, “Parkinson’s” or “dementia”. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01721,

2024-TSFO-01722, 2024-TSFO-01723, 2024-TSFO-01724, 2024-TSFO-01725, 2024-TSFO-01726, 2024-TSFO-01727, 2024-TSFO-01728, 2024-TSFO-01729, 2024-TSFO-01730, 2024-TSFO-01731, 2024-TSFO-01732, 2024-TSFO-01733, 2024-TSFO-01734, 2024-TSFO-01735, 2024-TSFO-01736, 2024-TSFO-01737, 2024-TSFO-01738, 2024-TSFO-01739, 2024-TSFO-01740, 2024-TSFO-01741, 2024-TSFO-01742, 2024-TSFO-01743, 2024-TSFO-01744, 2024-TSFO-01745, 2024-TSFO-01746, 2024-TSFO-01747, 2024-TSFO-01748)

- On August 14, 2024, **Chase Watts**, a private individual in Shreveport, Louisiana, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the expenditure of funds by the Department in connection with the investigation of and/or meeting with the individual known as Satoshi Nakamoto. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02659)
- On August 14, 2024, **Dinesh McCoy**, a representative of **Just Future Law** in Canton, Massachusetts, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the Department's use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in immigration decisions. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02662)
- On August 14, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C. requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to the Office for Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (OTVTP) 6th Digital Forum on Terrorism Prevention held on March 8 through March 11, 2021. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02663)

#### Late Requests:

- On July 17, 2024, **Ban Al-Wardi**, a representative of **Project Immigration Justice for Palestinians (Project IJP)** in Chicago, Illinois, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Humanitarian Parole Applications for Palestinian nationals from October 7, 2023, through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-005333)
- On August 1, 2024, **Kirsten Jespeson**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to duty rosters of all personnel assigned to President Biden during several Air Force One flights. (Case Number USSS 20241233)
- On August 1, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **The Federalist Society** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to Prime Minister Netanyahu's USSS security detail at the Watergate Hotel in D.C. on July 24, 2024, including their responsibility. (Case Number USSS 20241234)
- On August 2, 2024, **Lori Gilha**, a representative of **Scripps News** in Atlanta, Georgia, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to data showing the number of cases in which DHS investigated threats against President Biden and former President Trump from January 20, 2021, and August 14, 2024. (Case Number USSS 20241237)
- On August 6, 2024, **Kate Bailey**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington D.C., requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to the use of

U.S. Government funds to provide security and/or any other services to Vice President Kamala Harris and any companions while traveling. (Case Number USSS 20241261)

- On August 6, 2024, **Vincent Winter**, a representative of **KWTX-TV** in Waco, Texas, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the capsizing of a vessel on August 3, 2024, off the coast of Homer, Alaska in which four individuals went missing. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02483)
- On August 7, 2024, **Elizabeth Rosales**, a private individual in Tijuana, Mexico, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the budget related to the importation of goods made with forced labor, and any policy documents detailing the steps to identify these goods. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-150473)
- On August 7, 2024, **Ziva Branstetter**, a representative of **ProPublica** in Tulsa, Oklahoma, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to all congressional correspondence to or from Tim Walz, Kamala Harris, J. D. Vance or their staff from January 1, 2007, through August 8, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-150596)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On August 5, 2024, the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) released to **Betsy Klein**, a representative of **CNN** in Atlanta, Georgia, 901 pages of records pertaining to documents obtained by the New York Post concerning incidents involving President Biden's dog Commander. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C) and 7 (E). (Case Number USSS 20240859)
- On August 8, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Maass**, a representative of **Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF)** in Reno, Nevada, 27 pages of records pertaining to documents showing the "Land Border Integration Division Anzalduas Technology Demonstration, May 13, 2022" document referenced in OIG-24-27. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 3, 5, and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2019-021898)
- On August 8, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Matt Burgess**, a representative of **WIRED** in London, 2 pages of records pertaining to user operation/training manuals providing an overview of the Smart House, how it operates, and the value that it brings to law enforcement training. (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00199)
- On August 8, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Benjamin Feuerherd**, a representative of the **New York Post** in Brooklyn, New York, a full denial regarding his request for all incident reports and other materials for the helicopter crash in Texas that killed a Border Patrol Agent and two National Guardsmen on March 10, 2024. These records were withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(A). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-073767)

- On August 8, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no records response regarding his request for all emails from Nathaniel Kaine from January 20, 2021, to August 6, 2024, to several email domains. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-148466)
- On August 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Gus Bova**, a representative of *The Texas Observer* in Austin, Texas, 1102 pages of emails sent to or from commentsenv@cbp.dhs.gov between August 1, 2018, and January 1, 2019. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2019-021898)
- On August 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Andrew Calderon**, a representative of **The Marshall Project** in East Elmhurst, New York, 142 pages of records pertaining to Special Operations Group (SOG) standard operating procedures, training procedures and BORSTAR handbooks. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2021-077871)
- On August 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Emma Scott**, a representative of *The Wall Street Journal*, in New York, New York, a full denial regarding her request for apprehension data for Juarez and El Paso, Texas. These records were withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-053041)
- On August 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Jaroslav**, a representative of the **Immigration Reform Law Institute** in Washington, D.C., 40 pages of records pertaining to processing guidelines for noncitizens described in Presidential Proclamation, Securing the Border. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6 and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-123347)
- On August 9, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington D.C., 941 pages of records pertaining to all employees who entered into a position at the agency as a Political Appointee since January 20, 2021. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number 2023-HQFO-02339)
- On August 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal*, in Washington, D.C., a no records response regarding his request for all emails from Frederick Smith from January 20, 2021, to August 6, 2024, to several email domains. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-148465)
- On August 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Natasha Korecki**, a representative of *Politico* in Washington, D.C., a no records response regarding her request for all emails from @bpunion.org sent to Interim Chief Patrol

Agent Robert Garcia and Acting Deputy Chief Patrol Agent Robert Danley from June 1, 2021, to November 2, 2021. (Case Number CBP-FO-2022-010409)

- On August 13, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Chris Nelson**, a representative of **Judicial Watch** in Washington, D.C., 26 pages of records pertaining to communications of employees of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), U.S. Department of Homeland Security and employees of the Ukrainian State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine (SSSCIP) regarding information exchanges and sharing of best practices. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2023-NPFO-00072)
- On August 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., a no records response regarding his request for all emails from Erin Waters from January 20, 2021, to August 6, 2024, to several email domains. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-148464)
- On August 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal**, in Washington, D.C., a no records response regarding his request for all emails from Felicia Pullam from January 20, 2021, to August 6, 2024, to several email domains. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-148476)
- On August 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal**, in Washington, D.C., a no records response regarding his request for all emails from Kevin Flores from January 20, 2021, to August 6, 2024, to several email domains. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-148477)
- On August 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Susan Long**, a representative of **Transactional Records Access Clearing House (TRAC)** in Syracuse, New York, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to case-by-case data on inadmissibles from the Office of Field Operations (OFO) from November 1, 2023, to August 1, 2024. These records were released in full. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-150919)
- On August 13, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Leila Staffler**, a representative of **The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Labor** in Saipan, Mariana Islands, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to data from FY2022 and FY2023 concerning approved Contract Worker (CW) permittees, positions/occupations, job codes, and descriptions. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2023-002890)
- On August 13, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Michael Rapoport**, a representative of **Bloomberg Tax of Bloomberg Industry Group** in Montclair, New Jersey, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to all L1 blanket visa petitions filed by Baker McKenzie LLP and any other entities with the exact phrases "Baker McKenzie" or "Baker & McKenzie" in their name. Portions of the



release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2023-003264)

- On August 14, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Malcolm Byrne**, a representative of the **National Security Archive** in Washington, D.C., 57 pages of records pertaining to the "Russia-Ukraine Tensions Plan" laying out phases and objectives of operational coordination between the U.S. Government and private sector partners through the Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative (JCDC). Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5,6, 7(D), and 7(E). (Case Number 2022-NPFO-00215)
- On August 14, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **C. Craig Samtmann**, a representative of the **Immigration Reform Law Institute** in Washington, D.C., 29 pages of records pertaining to the reassignment, and removal of personnel, and whether replacement personnel would be assigned pertaining to USCIS' Denaturalization Unit in Pasadena, California, from January 20, 2021, through October 6, 2021. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 6. (Case Number COW 2021-004040)
- On August 15, 2024, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) released to **Tom Jones**, a representative of **ABC News** in Chicago, Illinois, 44 pages of records pertaining to audits on canine inspections at O'Hare International Airport. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, and 6. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-00145)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of ***HL NW Employment Education and Defense Fund v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (24-cv-01088)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 25, 2024, seeking records pertaining to the H-2A nonimmigrant visa application for Cal Farms Inc., On August 8, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 8 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Jason Leopold and Buzzfeed Inc v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)(21-cv-00545) (2021-HQLI-00017)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to communications, directives, threat assessments, and intelligence reports surrounding the January 6, 2021 "Save America Rally" and the "Stop the Steal" rally held in the U.S. Capitol. On August 9, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 25 pages of USSS referral records to the plaintiff. Portions of the release were withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 7(E). In the matter of ***Jason Leopold and***

***Buzzfeed Inc v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)(21-cv-00545) (2021-HQLI-00017)*** plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to communications, directives, threat assessments, and intelligence reports surrounding the January 6, 2021 “Save America Rally” and the “Stop the Steal” rally held in the U.S. Capitol. On August 9, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office will release 21 pages of USSS referral records. Portions of the release were withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 7(E).

- In the matter of ***American Accountability Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-00880) (2022-HQLI-00035)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 27, 2021, seeking records pertaining to email communications from government officials mentioning any of the following: Chip Fulghum, Andrew Lorenzen-Strait, Connie LaRossa, Tony Essalih, Susan Sweat, John Crumbliss, Anthony Lazarski, Cornerstone Government Affairs, Endeavors, Lorenzen-Strait Consulting Services, @cgagroup.com, and @endeavors.org. On August 9, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued an interim response consisting of 31 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 4,5,6 and 7(C).
- In the matter of ***Bloomberg, L.P. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (24-cv-01488)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 15, 2024, seeking records pertaining to all complaints received via the USCIS Tip Form from January 2020 through February 15, 2024. On August 9, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released one Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-00355)*** plaintiff’s FOIA request was referred to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on January 25, 2022, seeking records pertaining to human trafficking and related email correspondence. Plaintiff filed suit on February 9, 2022, claiming injunctive relief. On August 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its seventeenth interim response, consisting of 420 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (24-cv-03123)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 9, 2021, seeking records pertaining to communications received from or transmitted to an official or entity of the City of Fremont, Nebraska, including any agent or contractor of Fremont regarding the implementation and enforcement of the Ordinance pertaining to renter’s attestation of citizenship or immigration status. On August 14, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 13 pages of records to the plaintiff.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
August 15, 2024, to August 21, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
August 26, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- On August 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the 2024 Carolina Detention Facility detention facility compliance inspection report (8 pages).
- On August 19, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the 2024 Joe Corley Processing Center and T. Don Hutto Residential Center detention facility compliance inspection reports (17 pages).
- On August 20, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the PREA report for the Pine Prairie ICE Processing Center (March 19-21, 2024) (43 pages).

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On August 15, 2024, **Sam Ogozalek**, a representative of *Politico* in Arlington, Virginia, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to a log of congressional correspondence to and from the Transportation Security Administration from January 1, 2024, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01881)
- On August 17, 2024, **Luke Harold**, a private individual in San Diego, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to canine detection dogs in service or retired from CBP from August 17, 2019, to August 20, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-155398)
- On August 19, 2024, **Laura Strickler**, a representative of *NBC News National* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to an internal fraud report completed in 2024 by the Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate (FDNS) about the CHNV Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela program that addresses fraud concerns in the program. (Case Number COW 2024-006156)
- On August 19, 2024, **Colin Farnsworth**, a representative of the **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the number of employment authorization documents issued for each year from FY2014-2024. (Case Number COW 2024-006162)

- On August 21, 2024, **Nick Grube**, a representative of *Honolulu Civil Beat* in Honolulu, Hawaii requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to a copy of all contract documents related to work being performed in response to the Maui wildfires. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01371)
- On August 21, 2024, **Sarah Lynch**, a representative of *Reuters* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to an itemized listing of the 24,401 pounds of miscellaneous recycling materials, computers, printers, and electronics shipped by the TSA to the Federal Prison Industries on or before June 3, 2022. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01912)
- On August 21, 2024, **Ed Gallek**, a representative of *Fox 8 Cleveland* in Cleveland, Ohio, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to complaints about TSA and its agents filed at Hopkins Airport in Cleveland. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-01914)

**Late Requests:**

- On August 9, 2024, **John Monaghan**, a representative of **American Center for Law & Justice** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to any records that contain the words: "Harris" or "Kamala" and "border czar" or "border tsar" or "border zar". (Case Number COW 2024-006028)
- On August 13, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to communications sent from Emilie Hyams, Senior Counselor and Strategic Policy Advisor to the Director of USCIS mentioning "Biden", "25<sup>th</sup>", "Parkinson's" OR "dementia" from January 20, 2021, through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-006183)
- On August 13, 2024, **James Percival**, a representative of the **Office of the Attorney General State of Florida** in Tallahassee, Florida, requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications between several DHS senior officials concerning the processes, procedures, or policies for how to determine if an individual in DHS custody is on a terrorist watchlist. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02692)
- On August 14, 2024, **Muir McCammon**, a representative of *Muckrock* News, in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to drafted or deleted Tweets from various CBP X.com accounts (formerly known as Twitter) from July 1, 2011, to August 15, 2024. (CBP-FO-2024-153541, CBP-FO-2024-153542, CBP-FO-2024-153547, CBP-FO-2024-153551, CBP-FO-2024-153552, CBP-FO-2024-153553, CBP-FO-2024-153554, CBP-FO-2024-153555, CBP-FO-2024-153556, CBP-FO-2024-153558, CBP-FO-2024-153559, CBP-FO-2024-153560, CBP-FO-2024-153561, CBP-FO-2024-153562, CBP-FO-2024-153563, CBP-FO-2024-153564, CBP-FO-2024-153565, CBP-FO-2024-153566, CBP-FO-2024-153567, CBP-FO-2024-153569)

- On August 14, 2024, **Brian Hallenbeck**, a representative of **The Day Publishing Company** in New London, Connecticut, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the Coast Guard Investigative Service's (CGIS) investigation to the conduct of Coast Guard Academy cadet candidates enrolled in the Coast Guard Academy scholars program at the University of Connecticut from July 2023 to May 2024, with a focus on sexual misconduct and anti-harassment incidents. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02544)
- On August 14, 2024, **Abraham Kenmore**, a representative of **South Carolina Daily Gazette** in Columbia, South Carolina, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to Homeland Security Investigations "enforcement action" conducted in Lexington County, South Carolina, including any warrants served. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-51533)
- On August 14, 2024, **Billal Rahman**, a representative of **News Week** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to sexual assaults reported in the Otay Mesa detention center for fiscal years 2022 through 2024. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-51619)

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On August 15, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of **The Daily Signal** in Washington, D.C., a one-page records pertaining to the number of encounters between Border Patrol and Iranian, Venezuelan, North Korean, and Chinese nationals for the month of May 2024. These records were released in full. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-114382)
- On August 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to **Lori Jane Gliha**, a representative of **Scripps News** in Denver, Colorado, 486 pages of records pertaining to internal affairs files that would have examined the allegations made against John Jacob Olivas, a former ICE/HSI official who was recently sentenced to life in federal prison. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to Privacy Act Exemption 2 and FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, 7(C) and 7(E). (Case Number 2023-ICFO-34718)
- On August 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to **Julian Bava**, a representative of the **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)** in Boston, Massachusetts, 37 pages of records pertaining to proactive disclosures published by ICE. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C) and 7(E). (Case Number 2024-ICFO-09944)
- On August 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to **Mark Albert**, a representative of **Hearst Television** in Washington D.C., 10 pages of records pertaining to the document dated August 9, 2017, titled "(U) Da Jiang Innovations (DJI) Likely Providing U.S. Critical Infrastructure and Law Enforcement Data to Chinese Government". Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 7(E). (Case Number 2023-ICFO-26573)

- On August 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to **Sofia Bomse**, a representative of **American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico** in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 25 pages of records pertaining to a complete copy of ICE Health Service Corps (IHSC) Operations Memorandum 16-007 and all updated versions. Pages were released in full. (Case Number 2023-ICFO-17749)
- On August 16, 2024, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released to **Jordan Hirsch**, a private individual in New Orleans, Louisiana, 517 pages of records pertaining to Public Assistance records relating to repairs for the City of New Orleans Municipal Auditorium. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number 2021-FEFO-00795)
- On August 19, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) will release to a representative of **Rivco News** in Murrieta, California, a final response and 3 pages of records pertaining to emails received and sent to rivconews@gmail.com between August 1, 2024, to August 5, 2024. Portions of this release are being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00207)
- On August 19, 2024, the Federal Protective Service (FPS) released to **Mark Albert**, a representative of **CBS News and the National Press Foundation** in Washington, D.C., 17 pages of records pertaining to former U.S. senator Edward William Brooke III. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, and 7(C). (Case Number 2024-FPFO-00302)
- On August 19, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Aaron Delaney**, a representative of **The Brennan Center for Justice** in New York, New York, 27 pages of records pertaining to agreements in effect on February 5, 2020, between DHS and any U.S. state or foreign government concerning the Trusted Traveler programs (Global Entry, SENTRI, NEXUS, and FAST). Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2020-056776)
- On August 20, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Craig Neef**, a representative of **MuckRock News** in Somerville, Massachusetts a no records response to his request for contracts, budget, inspection records, policies and apprehension data for migrants held underneath the Paso del Norte International Bridge in El Paso Texas. (Case Number CBP-2019-040918)
- On August 20, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Eunice Cho**, a representative of the **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)** in Washington, D.C., 26 pages of records pertaining to memos and allegations of mistreatment regarding pregnant individuals. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(A), 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2020-019977)
- On August 20, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **My Khanh Ngo**, a representative of **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation** in San Francisco, California, 6 Excel spreadsheets and 323 pages of records pertaining to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) “Red Team” report on its audit of

Migrant Protection Protocols, prepared under the direction of former DHS Acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, and 6. (Case Number COW 2019-501850)

- On August 20, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Julia Gelatt**, a representative of **Migration Policy Institute** in Washington, D.C., 3 Excel spreadsheets pertaining to green card holders from fiscal year 2018 through the present. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2021-000332)
- On August 20, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Chiara Eisner**, a private individual in Columbia, South Carolina, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival recipients residing in South Carolina as of December 31, 2020. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2021-001494)
- On August 21, 2024, the Federal Protective Service (FPS) will release to **Theodore Hesson**, a representative of **Reuters** in Washington, D.C. 8 pages of records and 30 audio files pertaining to security protection plans and threats to DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number 2024-FPFO-00173)
- On August 21, 2024, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released to **Cody Lillich**, a representative of **The Arizona's Family TV KPHO CBS 5** in Phoenix, Arizona 2 Excel spreadsheets pertaining to the latest version of the Severe Repetitive Loss Properties dataset. (Case Number 2021-FEFO-00012)
- On August 21, 2024, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released to **Jean Eaglesham**, a representative of **The Wall Street Journal** in London, a one-page record pertaining to the latest data for the National Flood Insurance program relating to insurance policies in force and premiums for the most recent financial year. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01160)
- On August 21, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jose Castaneda**, a representative of **The News Journal** in New Castle, Delaware, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to data on biometrics at the Application Support Center in Dover, Delaware. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2021-001398)
- On August 21, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Maria Perez**, a representative of **USA Today** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to H2-A workers by companies from FY 2016 through the present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 7(E). (Case Number COW 2021-002968)
- On August 21, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Sara Duvisac**, a representative of **Oxfam America** in New York, New York, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to asylum claims made by asylum seekers from January 2010 through the present. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2021-003118)



#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Behring Capital LLC v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (24-cv-02567)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 14, 2024, seeking records pertaining to how USCIS prioritize and process I-485, and I-526E applications. On August 15, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released 299 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American First Legal Foundation v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-02168)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 13, 2021, seeking records pertaining to “written reports” referred to in the subsection titled “Weekly Reporting of All Enforcement and Removal Actions” in a memorandum from Tae D. Johnson to “All ICE Employees”. On August 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1 Excel spreadsheet to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Center for Law and Justice v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (22-cv-00355)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 17, 2021, seeking records pertaining to border related human trafficking and exploitation of women and children; the cancelation or postponement of Operation Talon and taking down CBP’s press release on arrest of persons on the FBI’s terrorism watch list. On August 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 454 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *The Legal Aid Society v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (24-cv-02344)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 29, 2023, seeking records pertaining to all communications to and from the ICE New York City Field Office Director mentioning the word “transfer” from the beginning of FY 2020 through the present. On August 15, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 216 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Leopold/Buzzfeed v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (18-cv-01523) (2018-HQLI-00033)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 11, 2018, seeking records pertaining to emails sent or received by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Ombudsman Julie Kirchner, including to and from her non-DHS email account; all meeting notes, minutes and summaries prepared by or for Ms. Kirchner; and her calendar, appointment book, and phone call log. On August 15, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released the 67<sup>th</sup> interim response, consisting of 175 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Lindsay Nash v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (21-cv-04288)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 26, 2019, seeking records pertaining to administrative arrest warrants and administrative subpoenas. On August

16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 114 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-04760)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 29, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications, investigatory reports, and any exhibits relating to the hospitalization, death and decision to release from custody of the following individuals: Teke Gulema, Johana Medina Leon, Jose Ibarra Bucio, and Martin Vargas Arellano. On August 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 36 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Immigration Reform Law Institute v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (24-cv-01101)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 20, 2023, seeking records pertaining to policies, rules and procedures concerning the publication of names within ICE news releases and statements, from January 20, 2021, to July 20, 2023. On August 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 21 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *The Brennan Center v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-05372)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on January 27, 2023, seeking records pertaining to records that were in DHS's possession or control from January 1, 2016 through the present concerning the following programs: Domestic Mantis Program or Domestic Mantis Initiative (DM; Forbidden Secrets; Project Campus Sentinel (PCS); Project Steady Stare (PS2); and Stella Sunrise Project (SSP). On August 19, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 122 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Safe Horizon v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (21-cv-02328)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 19, 2020, seeking records pertaining to adjudication of petitions for U nonimmigrant status and applications for adjustment of status for U nonimmigrants based on an underlying U nonimmigrant visa. On August 19, 2024, USCIS released 1,008 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) (20-cv-02153)*, plaintiff filed a complaint on October 8, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the deployment of CBP personnel to protests, as a result of the death of George Floyd from May 25, 2020, through October 20, 2020. On August 19, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the 29<sup>th</sup> interim release, consisting of 315 pages of record to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Al Otro Lado v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)(22-cv-01280)* plaintiff filed a complaint on May 11, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the sharing of data collected in various DHS programs, to include the CBP One mobile application, with various other government agencies and foreign governments. On August 19, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the sixth interim release, consisting of 201 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Center for Immigration Studies v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-03368)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 13, 2022, seeking records pertaining to communications and records sent or received by any person in Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) at ICE headquarters, to include any person in the Law Enforcement Systems and Analysis (LESA) Division, any person in the Office of the Deputy Director, and any person in the Office of the Director regarding the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Fiscal Year 2021 Enforcement and Removal Operations Report. On August 21, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 70 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Justice for Immigrant Families v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-00929)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 30, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the scope and scale of detention in the Buffalo Field Office District (BFOD) and records regarding the treatment of people detained at Batavia, including accommodations for disabled people; language access and access to justice; safe release practices; adequacy of medical care; solitary confinement practices; officer misconduct and abuse; and conditions of confinement. On August 21, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 514 pages of records to the plaintiff.

### **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
August 22, 2024- August 28, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
September 2, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- On August 22, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the 2024 Clay County Jail detention facility compliance inspection report (10 pages).
- On August 22, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the FOIA logs for January-July 2024 consisting of closed and received requests (7 Excels).
- On August 23, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the 2024 Northwest State Correctional Center detention facility compliance inspection report (12 pages).
- On August 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the 2024 Adelanto ICE Processing Center detention facility compliance inspection report (7 pages).

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On August 22, 2024, **Austin Grabish**, a representative of *ABC 10 News* in San Diego, California requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to any fraud reports filed with FEMA related to flooding claims in San Diego from January 2024. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01375)
- On August 23, 2024, **Khahilia Shaw**, a representative of **American Oversight** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the FOIA processing software utilized by USCIS, and records related to how USCIS responds to FOIA requests from August 1, 2024, through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-006290)
- On August 24, 2024, **Khailia Shaw**, a representative of **American Oversight** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the FOIA processing software in use by CBP from August 1, 2024, through August 26, 2024, and records related to how CBP respond to FOIA requests from August 1, 2024, through August 26, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-158116)
- On August 24, 2024, **Lisa Starke**, a representative of *Law and Crime* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records

pertaining to an incident at the Otay Mesa Commercial Facility on August 16, 2024, when CBP discovered 1,220 packages of methamphetamine disguised as watermelons in a tractor trailer. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-158426)

- On August 24, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to all CBP Deportable Encounters via the Border Patrol Enforcement Tracking System (BPETS) for the countries of China, Iran, Venezuela, Turkey, Belarus, Russia, Syria and Yemen, by month from January 1, 2021 to August 26, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-158691)
- On August 24, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., City, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to manuals and guides used from January 20, 2017, to August 26, 2024, for the Border Patrol Enforcement Tracking System (BPETS/BPETA2) and Border Patrol Enterprise Reporting Tool (BPERT). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-158692)
- On August 24, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to surveillance footage created by various Tucson Sector Border Patrol stations January 5 - 9, 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-158712)
- On August 24, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to surveillance footage created by various Tucson Sector Border Patrol stations June 20 - 25, 2021. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-158714)
- On August 24, 2024, **Colton Johnson**, a private individual in Euless, Texas, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to an assault on an agent by a detainee that occurred on July 29, 2023, at the Santa Teresa Border Patrol Station. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-158739)
- On August 25, 2024, **Kevin J. Napierkowski**, a private individual in Brentwood, Tennessee requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to communications by Nina Jankowicz involving the social media platform Telegram. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02769)
- On August 25, 2024, **Theodore Hesson**, a representative of *Thomson Reuters* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to a list of all law enforcement agencies contacting ICE at the email address [icecapmil@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:icecapmil@ice.dhs.gov) to alert ICE of a possibly deportable immigrant in custody from January 20, 2017, through the present. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-53227)
- On August 26, 2024, **Don Lee** a representative of *The Los Angeles Times* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the total number of worksite or employment-related investigations and audits conducted by ICE in the U.S. and separately in California for each fiscal year from 2018 to 2024. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-53242)

- On August 26, 2024, **Susan Ambrose**, a representative of *Dallas Morning News* in Dallas, Texas, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to weapons issued to Dr. Alexander Eastman, the acting CBP Chief Medical Officer. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-159249)
- On August 26, 2024, **Don Lee**, a representative of the *Los Angeles Times* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to E-Verify usage statistics for California from 2000 through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-006336)
- On August 26, 2024, **Reed Rubinstein**, a representative of **America First Legal Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office records pertaining to USSS agents and changes to Trump USSS detail. (Case Number 2024-HQAP-00763)
- On August 26, 2024, **Jessica Hanson**, a representative of **Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP)** in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to USCIS' systems for scheduling affirmative asylum interviews and adjudicating affirmative asylum applications from January 1, 2017, through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-006338)
- On August 27, 2024, **Susanna Granieri**, a representative of *Delaware Currents* in Port Jervis, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to missing incident briefs from 2013 to 2024 involving vessels over 400 feet in length that encountered a loss/reduction or propulsion/steering or a loss of electrical power outage. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02639)
- On August 27, 2024, **Maura McDermott**, a representative of *Newsday* in Melville, New York, requested from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to an incident that occurred on May 15, 2023, in the waters of Center Island, New York, in which an individual fell from a sailboat and was subsequently discovered dead. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02625)

### **Late Requests:**

- On August 13, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested records from Science & Technology (S&T) from several named S&T Personnel for records pertaining to communications (including meeting/calendar invites) to/from: @splcenter.org, @demos.org, @adl.org, @electionexcellence.org, @aclu.org, @campaignlegal.org, @advancingjustice-aajc.org, @fairfight.org, @techandcivillife.org, @electioninnovation.org, @narf.org, @maldef.org, @fairelectionscenter.org, @civilrights.org, @opensocietyfoundations.org, @newventurefund.org, @faircount.org, @brennancenter.org, @democracyfund.org, @democracyfundvoice.org, @rockthevote.org, @northfund.org, @triggerthevote.org, @waytowin.us, @fordfoundation.org, @2hadvisors.org, @thesvf.org, @jsoros.com, @wyssfoundation.org, @omidyar.com, @arabellaadvisors.com. (Case Number 2024-

STFO-00173, 2024-STFO-00172, 2024-STFO-00171, 2024-STFO-00170, 2024-STFO-00169, 2024-STFO-00168, 2024-STFO-00167, 2024-STFO-00166, 2024-STFO-00165)

- On August 13, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested records from Science & Technology (S&T) records pertaining to communications sent from several named S&T Personnel mentioning 'Biden' AND '25th' OR 'parkinsons' OR 'dementia' from January 20, 2021, through the present. (Case Number 2024-STFO-00183, 2024-STFO-00182, 2024-STFO-00181, 2024-STFO-00180, 2024-STFO-00179, 2024-STFO-00178, 2024-STFO-00177, 2024-STFO-00176, 2024-STFO-00175, 2024-STFO-00174)
- On August 13, 2024, **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to communications sent from several named USCIS Personnel mentioning 'Biden' AND '25th' OR 'parkinsons' OR 'dementia' from January 20, 2021, through the present. (Case Number COW2024006184, COW2024006185, COW2024006186, COW2024006187, COW2024006188, COW2024006189, COW2024006190, COW2024006191, COW2024006192, COW2024006193, COW2024006194, COW2024006195, COW2024006196 COW2024006197, COW2024006198, COW2024006199, COW2024006200, COW2024006201, COW2024006202, COW2024006203)
- On August 13, 2024, **F. Evan Benz**, a representative of the **Amica Center** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to ICE Enforcement and Removal (ERO) Alternatives to Detention policies and guidance. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-51485)
- On August 13, 2024, **F. Evan Benz**, a representative of **Amica Center** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to handbooks, policy manuals, and procedures used by ICE for "Wraparound Stabilization Services" (WSS) and records related to the criteria and guidelines ICE uses to review WSS referrals from NGOs, non-profits, and community partners. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-51481)
- On August 13, 2024, **F. Evan Benz**, a representative of **Amica Center** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to any handbook/policy manual/standard operating procedure, or similar document, that ICE employs in its operation of the Young Adult Case Management Pilot (YACMP) program. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-51483)
- On August 13, 2024, **F. Evan Benz** with **Amica Center** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to handbooks, policy manuals, and procedures used by ICE in its operation of the Extended Case Management Services (ECMS). (Case Number 2024-ICFO-51484)
- On August 19, 2024, **Colin Farnsworth**, a representative of the **Center for Immigration Studies** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to U.S. based supporters defined as



“Non-Immigrant” and “Other” of approved beneficiaries who sought humanitarian parole in the USCIS production for request COW2024003069 from January 1, 2021, through the present. (Case Number COW 2024-006161)

- On August 26, 2024, **Rochelle Maly**, a private individual in Bloomingdale, Illinois, requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to communications in 2021 between the White House doctors, President Joe Biden's personal physician, and the Secret Service regarding stroke symptoms. (Case Number USSS 20240935)
- On August 26, 2024, **Eric Lipton**, a representative of *The New York Times* in Washington, D.C., requested from the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) records pertaining to communications from former Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle mentioning “attrition rate,” “Working Day Off”, “WDO”, “Max-Out”, and “overtime” from January 1, 2024, to July 1, 2024 (Case Number 20241364).

### III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- On August 22, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Michael Bannon** a representative of the *New York University Journal of Legislation and Public Policy* in New York, New York, two spreadsheets and 14 pages of records pertaining to affirmative asylum cases from April 2011 through June 2011, and October 2019 through the present. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2021-003930)
- On August 22, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **David J. Bier**, a representative of the **Cato Institute** in Alexandria, Virginia, one spreadsheet and a one-page record pertaining to the number of individuals approved and denied for parole from FY 2012 to FY 2021. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2021-004753)
- On August 22, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Mehrotra Kartikay**, a representative of *ProPublica* in Berkeley, California, 10 spreadsheets pertaining to reports submitted by petitioners since 2016 that were intended to notify DHS about H-2A workers who have either not reported their work completion within five workdays or have absconded. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, and 7(E). (Case Number COW 2022-0000097)
- On August 22, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Jason Hopkins**, a representative of the **Immigration Reform Law Institute** in Washington, D.C., 76 pages of records pertaining to Commissioner Magnus’ resignation. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6 and 7(C). (Case number CBP-2023-012389)
- On August 23, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released back to DOS for response to **John Lewis**, a representative of **Democracy Forward Foundation** in Washington, D.C., two pages of records pertaining to the public

charge grounds of inadmissibility. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2021-004811)

- On August 26, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Andrew Feinberg** a representative of *The Independent* in Bethesda, Maryland, a no records response to his request for all email communications between Brandon Judd and Stephen Miller, Mark Meadows, Larry Kudlow, and Jason Miller; emails to/from dontdtrump.com and 45office.com; and any records regarding Brandon Judd and the Hatch Act and time off requests for television appearances. (Case Number CBP-2021-059963)
- On August 26, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Patrick Toomey**, a representative of **American Civil Liberties Union** in New York, New York, 85 pages of records pertaining to Privacy Impact Assessments, Privacy Threshold Analyses, civil liberties impact assessments, civil rights impact assessments, or Inspector General reports concerning any Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems, AI models, or algorithmic rules CBP uses or proposes to use in connection with traveler or immigrant risk-assessment processes. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-2022-031492)
- On August 26, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Stefan Medvetz**, a representative of **Senate Leadership Fund** in Washington, D.C., a no records response to his request for all emails between CBP and kelly.senate.gov from December 2, 2020, to March 30, 2022. (Case Number CBP-OIT-2022-059348)
- On August 27, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **John Monaghan**, a representative of the **American Center for Law and Justice** in Virginia Beach, Virginia, a no records response to his request for all emails from March 1, 2021, to August 12, 2024, from Troy Miller, Jason Owens, James Collins, and Anthony Good regarding Vice President Kamala Harris being the CBP Border Czar. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-151995)
- On August 27, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., a no records response to his request for all emails between members of the media and internal discussions with Troy Miller, Pete Flores, James McCament, Erin Waters, Tim Quinn, and Stephanie Talton regarding Vice President Kamala Harris as the CBP Border Czar. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-152762)
- On August 27, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released to **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington D.C., 13 pages of records pertaining to all email communications between Adam M. Hunter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Immigration, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and [\\*@demos.org](mailto:*@demos.org), [\\*@adl.org](mailto:*@adl.org), [\\*@splcenter.org](mailto:*@splcenter.org), or [\\*@civilrights.org](mailto:*@civilrights.org) from January 20, 2021 to present. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01668)

- On August 28, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Michael Wooten**, a representative of *WGRZ-TV* in Buffalo, New York, a no records response to his request for records pertaining to a report providing the number of CBP Officers assigned to northern border land ports of entry and temporarily assigned to the ongoing humanitarian crisis. (Case Number CBP-2019-073639)
- On August 28, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Rosa Flores**, a representative of *Cable News Network (CNN)* in Maimi, Florida, 3 pages of records pertaining to inspection reports, permits, fire inspections, citations, code compliance, code enforcement documents, and census records for the immigration processing center in Donna, Texas. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, and 7E. (Case Number CBP-2021-046059)
- On August 28, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **David Warren**, a representative of the **Institute for Justice** in Arlington, Virginia, 16 pages of records pertaining to various tort claims. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2023-134610)
- On August 28, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Laura Brache**, a representative of *The News & Observer* in Burlington, North Carolina, a one-page record pertaining to Afghanistan parole and refugee data from August 2021, through March 8, 2022. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2022-001268)
- On August 28, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Michael McAuliff**, a representative of *Kaiser Health News* in Baltimore, Maryland, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to the Medical Deferred Action Data from 2018 through the present. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2022-002469)
- On August 28, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Andrew Wallender**, a representative of *Bloomberg Law* in Arlington, Virginia, one Excel spreadsheet pertaining to Afghan nationals who have applied for humanitarian parole from Q4 of FY 2020 through Q1 of FY 2022. These records were released in full. (Case Number COW 2022-002944)
- On August 28, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Ian Head**, a representative of the **Center for Constitutional Rights** in Los Angeles, California, 2 Excel spreadsheets pertaining to requests for interpreters by Cameroonian immigrants, or USCIS staff assisting Cameroonian immigrants, during their proceedings with USICS, from January 1, 2018, through January 19, 2021. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2022-003213)
- On August 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued to **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no records determination in response to his request for emails sent from Alexandra M. S. Carnes, Senior Advisor, Border and Immigration Policy,

Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans mentioning “Biden”, “health”, “age”, “mental”, “physical”, “drugs”, “stairs”, “dementia”, “Alzheimer's”, “Alzheimers”, “Parkinsons”, “poop” and “defecate” from September 25, 2023, through June 14, 2024. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02078, 2024-HQFO-02081, 2024-HQFO-02097)

- On August 28, 2024, the Federal Protective Service (FPS) released to **Jason Leopold**, a representative of *Bloomberg News* in New York, New York, 6 pages of records pertaining to the referral or request for coordination sent to FPS from the National Archives Office of Inspector General as well as records pertaining to an investigation into threats made to investigate threatening communications sent between June 2022 and October 2022 to the Barack Obama Library, Representative Nancy Pelosi and Senator Chuck Schumer. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number 2024-FPFO-00315)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Partially Important Products, LLC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (23-cv-02145) (2023-HQLI-00046)* plaintiff filed a complaint on July 24, 2023, seeking records sent or received by DHS employees referencing the use of the song "God Bless the USA" by USCIS, including internal communications at DHS, communications with USCIS, DOJ, or other federal agencies or components, and communications with Lee Greenwood, Universal Music Group, Peer Music, or attorneys or other agents who indicated that they represent Universal Music Group, Peer Music, or Lee Greenwood. On August 22, 2024, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released three music tracks and 890 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Center for Law and Justice v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (22-cv-01657) (2022-HQLI-00041)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 29, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the establishment of the Disinformation Governance Board revealed by Secretary Mayorkas at the congressional hearing on April 27, 2022. On August 22, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 298 pages of records to the plaintiff. Of the 298 pages, one page was released in full and 297 pages were withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of *ACLU of Northern California v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-07534)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on September 26, 2022, seeking records pertaining to template forms used by inspection officials in conducting ICE detention facility inspections as overseen by ICE Office of Detention

Oversight (ODO). On August 22, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 25 Excel Spreadsheets to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of ***American Immigration Council (AIC) and Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS) v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-05270)*** plaintiff filed a complaint on October 16, 2023, seeking records pertaining to CBP's implementation of new border management measures that require asylum seekers at the southern border to use CBP's smartphone application, known as CBP One. On August 22, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the fifth interim release, consisting of 81 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***America First Policy Institute v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-00139)(2024-HQLI-00006)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 22, 2021, seeking records pertaining to e-mail communications between officers or employees of the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) that were either sent to, or received from, the e-mail domains @fb.com, @google.com, and/or @twitter.com. On August 23, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 18 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this release are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of ***American Civil Liberties Union v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-03204)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 20, 2020, seeking records pertaining to Mortality Reviews created by the Immigrant Health Service Corps (IHSC) regarding the death of Anthony Jones aka Henry Missick. On August 27, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 150 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***Partially Important Products, LLC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02145) (2023-HQLI-00046)*** plaintiff filed a complaint on July 24, 2023, seeking records sent or received by DHS employees referencing the use of the song "God Bless the USA" by USCIS, including internal communications at DHS, communications with USCIS, DOJ, or other federal agencies or components, and communications with Lee Greenwood, Universal Music Group, Peer Music, or attorneys or other agents who indicated that they represent Universal Music Group, Peer Music, or Lee Greenwood. On August 27, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued its 2nd interim response consisting of 305 pages of records to the plaintiff. Portions of this response were withheld under FOIA exemptions 5 and 6.
- In the matter of ***Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (20-cv-01583)***, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 16, 2019, seeking records pertaining to efforts toward family reunification and the release of the minor from DHS custody as required by Paragraph 18 of the Flores Settlement. On August 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 264 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of ***America First Legal Foundation v. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) (22-cv-01255) (2023-HQLI-00004)***, plaintiff

filed a FOIA request on April 4, 2022, seeking records pertaining to CISA’s Countering Foreign Influence Task Force (CFITF), “Mis-, Dis-, and Malinformation” (MDM) team, policies and directives relating to the 2020 election. On August 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office released 43 pages of records to the plaintiff.

- In the matter of *Sotir Libarov v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (22-cv-06414)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on July 22, 2022, seeking records pertaining to Sotir Dimitrov Libarov. On August 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 6 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *Los Angeles Times Communications LLC v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (20-cv-10911)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 29, 2020, seeking records pertaining to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Investigation Closing Reports related to sexual assault, sexual abuse, or harassment allegations at dedicated Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) facilities. On August 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 1,273 pages of records to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of the *Immigrant Defense Project v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (22-cv-01153)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 10, 2022, seeking records pertaining to the creation, implementation, or oversight of supervision programs including the Orders of Supervision Program (OSUP) the Alternative to Detention (ATD) Program, the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) and the ATD Case Management Pilot Program from December 19, 2019, to the present. On August 28, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released 967 pages of records to the plaintiff.

### **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
August 29, 2024 – September 4, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
September 9, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is moving forward with plans to publish records in the e-Reading room.

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On August 30, 2024, **Mike Howell**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications sent by several named CBP personnel mentioning the keywords: Project 2025, Mandate for Leadership, or Heritage Foundation, from January 30, 2021 to present. (Case Numbers CBP-FO-2024-162258, CBP-FO-2024-162259, CBP-FO-2024-162260, CBP-FO-2024-162261, CBP-FO-2024-162262, CBP-FO-2024-162263, CBP-FO-2024-162264, CBP-FO-2024-162265, CBP-FO-2024-162266, CBP-FO-2024-162267, CBP-FO-2024-162268)
- On August 30, 2024, **Michael Howell**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to communications sent by several named FEMA personnel mentioning the keywords: Project 2025, Mandate for Leadership, or Heritage Foundation, from January 30, 2021 to present. (Case Number FEMA 2024-FEFO-01410).
- On August 30, 2024, **Michael Howell**, a representative of *The Heritage Foundation* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to all sent communications from various TSA personnel mentioning 'Project 2025' OR 'P2025' OR 'Mandate for Leadership' OR 'Heritage Foundation' from various named personnel. (Case Number TSA 2024-TSFO-01972, 2024-TSFO-01973, 2024-TSFO-01974, 2024-TSFO-01975, 2024-TSFO-01976, 2024-TSFO-01977, 2024-TSFO-01978, 2024-TSFO-01979, 2024-TSFO-01980, 2024-TSFO-01981, 2024-TSFO-01982, 2024-TSFO-01983, 2024-TSFO-01984, 2024-TSFO-01985, 2024-TSFO-01986, 2024-TSFO-01987, 2024-TSFO-01988, 2024-TSFO-01989, 2024-TSFO-01990, 2024-TSFO-01991, 2024-TSFO-01992, 2024-TSFO-01993, 2024-TSFO-01994, 2024-TSFO-01995, 2024-TSFO-01996, 2024-TSFO-01997, 2024-TSFO-01998, 2024-TSFO-01999, 2024-TSFO-02000, 2024-TSFO-02001, 2024-TSFO-02002, 2024-TSFO-02003, 2024-



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- On August 31, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to employment actions, Tulsi Gabbard, Quiet Skies Program, policies regarding SSI, and information regarding investigations into Special Mission Coverage of a Federal Air Marshall’s wife. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-02132)
- On August 31, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to a calendar export of all TSA Administrator David Pekoske entries from August 1 through 31, 2024. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-02135)
- On August 31, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to documents that were produced by TSA in response to FOIA litigation (“productions”). (Case Number 2024-TSFO-02138)
- On August 31, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) a

calendar export and all congressional communications to or from several named CBP personnel from the following email domains: @nss.eop.gov, @ustr.eop.gov, @cea.eop.gov, @ostp.eop.gov, @ceq.eop.gov, @nsc.eop.gov, @omb.eop.gov, @eop.gov, @who.eop.gov, and @ovp.eop.gov for the month of August 2024. (Case numbers CBP-FO-2024-162498, CBP-FO-2024-162499, CBP-FO-2024-162500, CBP-FO-2024-162501)

- On August 31, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) a calendar export and all congressional communications to or from several named FEMA personnel from the following email domains: @nss.eop.gov, @ustr.eop.gov, @cea.eop.gov, @ostp.eop.gov, @ceq.eop.gov, @nsc.eop.gov, @omb.eop.gov, @eop.gov, @who.eop.gov, and @ovp.eop.gov for the month of August 2024. (Case Number FEMA 2024-FEFO-01456)
- On August 31, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to images or videos of seized fentanyl taken by Border Patrol during the month of June 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-162508)
- On August 31, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to number of encounters between CBP and Iranian, Venezuelan, North Korean, or Chinese nationals during July 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-162510)
- On August 31, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to congressional communications to or from several named CBP personnel from the following email domains: @ucia.gov, @eop.gov, @who.eop.gov, @ovp.eop.gov, @mail.house.gov, and \*.senate.gov which mention the keywords: cartel, fentanyl, cocaine, drugs, or seizure within ten words of each other, and gotaways, turnbacks, newcomers, TIDE, IRGC, terrorist watchlist, or USBP Nationwide Gotaways and Turnbacks. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-162518, CBP-FO-2024-162519, CBP-FO-2024-162520, CBP-FO-2024-162521, CBP-FO-2024-162522, CBP-FO-2024-162523, CBP-FO-2024-162524, CBP-FO-2024-162525, CBP-FO-2024-162526, CBP-FO-2024-162527, CBP-FO-2024-162528, CBP-FO-2024-162529, CBP-FO-2024-162503, CBP-FO-2024-162531, CBP-FO-2024-162532, CBP-FO-2024-162533, CBP-FO-2024-162534, CBP-FO-2024-162535, CBP-FO-2024-162536, CBP-FO-2024-162537, CBP-FO-2024-162538, CBP-FO-2024-162539, CBP-FO-2024-162540)
- On August 31, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to documents that were produced by the agency in response to FOIA litigation from the month of August 2024. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-162548)

- On August 31, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining all USBP Deportable Encounters for the countries China, Iran, Venezuela, Turkey, Belarus, Russia, and Syria during the month of August 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-162558)
- On August 31, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to all generated e3DM reports or data for any detention facilities at Casa Grande, Douglas, Nogales, Sonoita, Tucson, Ajo, and Wilcox Border Patrol Stations for the month of August 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-162559)
- On September 3, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America**, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to communications of several named CBP officials containing the following terms: Vice President, VP, Veep, Kamala, Harris, Kamala Harris, KH, czar, root cause, border czar, Pioneer, enforcement, and immigration law, with any of the following email domains: @politico.com, @militarytimes, @nytimes.com, @washingtonpost.com, @nbcnews.com, @abcnews.com, @latimes.com, @cbsnews.com, @foxnews.com, @wsj.com, @usatoday.com, @cnn.com or @ap.com, from February 1, 2021 to September 1, 2021. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-162585)
- On September 4, 2024, **Audrey Small**, a representative of *Go Fish Digital* in Raleigh, North Carolina, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the weekly average passenger wait times (in minutes) at standard TSA security checkpoints for the 60 busiest U.S. airports from January 2021 to January 2024. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-02155)
- On September 4, 2024, **Michelle Turney**, a private individual in Cape Coral, Florida, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to "SSIDCOMM" or any equivalent initiatives concerning secure identity communications or social identity management systems. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-02160)

**Late Requests:**

- On July 31, 2024, **Daniel Lozier**, a representative of **Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc.** in Panama City, Florida, requested from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to USCG offshore Patrol Cutter Procurement under contract number 70Z02322C93220001. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02684)

**III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On September 4, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Matthew Hoppock**, a representative of *Muckrock News* in Somerville, Massachusetts, one page of records consisting of Twitter instant messages sent to and from Ken Cuccinelli from the date of his appointment as acting USCIS director through the date of

our search. Portions of this release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number COW 2019-501256)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- On September 4, 2024, **Colin Aamot**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington D.C., appealed the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) response to his request for documents sufficient to account for all sole sourced contracts issued by the agency under 5 million dollars (USD), and the relied upon documentation and supplemental materials in awarding the sole source contracts - including, but not limited to: sole source justifications with a timeframe of the search from January 1, 2020 to present. The requester is contesting the accuracy and integrity of the applied exemptions, as well as the lack of segregability applied to 225 pages using Exemptions 4, 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(F). (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00023)

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- On August 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Luke Harold**, a representative of *San Diego Union-Times* in San Diego, California, one excel spreadsheet containing the names, locations, canine specialization, and breed to include active and retired canines for both Border Patrol and Office of Field Operations. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2023-012389)
- On September 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no records response to his request for all emails sent to Frederick Smith, Office of Chief Counsel mentioning President Biden, 25<sup>th</sup>, Parkinson's, or dementia from January 20, 2021, to August 19, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-153454)
- On September 4, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued to **Lisa Starke**, a representative of *Law and Crime Productions* in New York, New York, a full denial to her request for seizure records and surveillance video of a tractor trailer with disguised watermelons found to contain methamphetamine at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry on August 16, 2024. The records are withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(A). (Case Number 2024-158426)

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, et al. v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. Department of State (DOS) (20-cv-02042)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 12, 2019, seeking records related to Temporary Protected Status from January 20, 2017, through August 12, 2019. On August 30, 2024, USCIS released to the plaintiff 686 pages of records.

- In the matter *Reclaim the Records v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)*, (23-cv-01997), Plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 11, 2021, seeking all emails including attachments, beginning January 1, 2015 and ending February 12, 2021 sent to or received by Tammy Meckley, Associate Director, Immigration Records and Identity Services Directorate, that contain any of the following words: genealogy, geneology, genealogist, genealogists, geneologist, geneologists. On August 30, 2024, USCIS released to the plaintiff 222 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Immigrant Investor Alliance v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)* (23 -cv-03543), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 27, 2023, seeking all records relating to the Government Accountability Office's March 28, 2023, report on the EB-5 Program. On August 30, 2024, USCIS released to the plaintiff 199 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Hoang v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)* (24-cv-01369), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 25, 2024, seeking records relating to the adjudication of Form I-526s, specifically regarding investors who utilize third party money exchangers. On August 30, 2024, USCIS released to the plaintiff 161 pages of records.
- In the matter of the *State of Florida v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) et.al.* (21-cv-14462), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on October 11, 2021, seeking records pertaining to the impacts of DHS's September 30, 2021, immigration enforcement guidance. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2021, claiming injunctive relief. On August 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its 26th interim response consisting of 50 pages of emails and reports pertaining to CBP's immigration enforcement guidance.
- In the matter of *Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)* (23-cv-10479), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on December 24, 2021, seeking records pertaining to humanitarian parole applications and adjudication in the State of Arizona, from January 1, 2016 to the date of the request. Plaintiff filed suit on March 2, 2023, to compel U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to release records. On August 29, 2024, CBP issued its seventh interim release consisting of 214 pages of emails pertaining to humanitarian parole applications and adjudications.
- In the matter of the *Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)* (24-cv-01315), the plaintiff filed a complaint on May 7, 2024, seeking release of data related to the 'Other' designation on the CBP Nationwide Encounters dashboard. On August 30, 2024, CBP issued the final response, consisting of two spreadsheets of data.
- In the matter of *Emery Celli Brinckerhoff Abady Ward & Maazel LLP v. United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP)* (22-cv-02891), plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 22, 2022, seeking all communications between CBP and Loyal Source Government Services (LSGS) regarding staffing and medical services provided by LSGS at Weslaco and McAllen Border Patrol Stations from June 2018 to

July 2019. Plaintiff filed suit on April 7, 2022, claiming injunctive relief. On August 30, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its twenty-third interim response consisting of 13 pages of documents pertaining to CBP's contract with LSGS.

- In the matter of the *Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and Al Otro Lado (AOL) v. DHS et al. (19-cv-03438)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 31, 2019, seeking all policies, procedures, guidelines, and communications relating to the screening, inspection, or processing of unaccompanied non-citizen children on the Southern border from May 2018 through the present. Plaintiff filed suit on November 15, 2019, claiming injunctive relief. On September 3, 2024, CBP issued its forty-seventh interim response, consisting of 418 pages of email correspondence and reports related to unaccompanied non-citizen children.
- In the matter of *Project on Government Oversight v. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (23-cv-02662)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 28, 2017, seeking copies of all use of force incident reports. Plaintiff filed suit on September 12, 2023, claiming injunctive and declaratory relief. On September 3, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its seventh interim response, consisting of 760 pages of use of force reports to the plaintiff.
- In the matter of *American Oversight v. United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (19-cv-01764)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 8, 2019, seeking all email communications from Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, ICE Director Homan, ICE Deputy Director Vitello, and CBP Commissioner McAleenan pertaining to the treatment of vulnerable detainees. On July 29, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued its fifty-fifth interim response consisting of 84 pages of email communications regarding vulnerable detainees.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

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**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
September 5, 2024- September 11, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
September 16, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

**I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is moving forward with plans to publish records in the e-Reading room

**II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**

- On September 9, 2024, **Zachary Stieber**, a representative of *The Epoch Times* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the internal audit conducted by Michael Mayhew of the parole program for nationals of Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. (Case Number COW2024006648)
- On September 9, 2024, **Laura Bingham**, a representative of **Temple University Institute for Law, Innovation, & Technology (iLIT)** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the use of technologies facilitating United States border enforcement, specifically related to the CBP One application. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-166467)
- On September 9, 2024, **Rob Davis**, a representative of *ProPublica* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to denied shipments under the Uyghur Forced Labor Protection Act since December 2021. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-166869)
- On September 9, 2024, **Nicholas Deshais**, a representative of *The Seattle Times* in Seattle, Washington, requested from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to inspections of the tugboat WYCLIFFE and decommissioned Washington State Ferries vessels ELWHA and KLAHOWYA from September 1, 2023, to present. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02745)
- On September 10, 2024, **Eva Bitran**, a representative of the **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California (ACLU SoCal)** in Los Angeles, California, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protections (CBP) records pertaining to the use of soft-sided temporary facilities by CBP for holding and processing migrants in Texas. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-167236)
- On September 10, 2024, **Anna Rascouët-Paz**, a representative of *Snopes* in La Jolla, California, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to the inclusion of former U.S. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard in the



"Quiet Skies" watchlist as well as her entry in the database. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-02180)

**Late Requests:**

- On August 21, 2024, **Chris McDaniel**, a representative of *Last Week Tonight* in Brooklyn, New York, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to seizure data by Agriculture K9 Officers for CY 2023. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-156770)
- On August 31, 2024, **Audrey Azzo**, a representative of **Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism** in Chicago, Illinois, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to OMB No. 1652-0044 Traveler inquiry form filed between January 2023 to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-02204)
- On September 4, 2024, **Michelle Turney**, an independent journalist in Cape Coral, Florida, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protections (CBP) records pertaining to "SSIDCOMM" or equivalent initiatives concerning secure identity communications or social identity management systems. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-164294)

**III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On September 5, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued to **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no records determination in response to his/her request for from September 25, 2023 through June 13, 2024 from Marcella Monet Richardson, Associate Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Immediate Office of the Secretary: all emails sent (via the custodian's outbox) mentioning 'Biden' AND 'health' OR 'age' OR 'mental' OR 'physical' OR 'drugs' OR 'stairs' OR 'dementia' OR 'Alzheimer's' OR 'Alzheimers' OR 'Parkinsons' OR 'poop' OR 'defecate' within ten words of each other. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01719)
- On September 5, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Rachel Frazin**, a representative of *The Hill*, in Washington, D.C., a no records response to her request for records from June 20, 2018 to the present regarding rules, guidance, or other regulations on the transfer of alien children to the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services or otherwise separated from their parents based on a parent's HIV-positive status. (Case number CBP-2019-076798)
- On September 5, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Colin Aamot** a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a full denial to his request for all images and videos of fentanyl seizures by Border Patrol for June 2024. The records were withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(A). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-132105)
- On September 6, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Dan Gooding**, a representative of *Newsweek*, in New York, New York, two pages consisting

of the number of migrants missing along the southwest border to include, age, nationality, and those confirmed deceased. These records were released in full. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-136283)

- On September 6, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Elizabeth Rosales**, an independent journalist in Tijuana, Mexico, one letter pertaining to her request for the budget allocated to CBP for investigating the importation of goods made with forced labor and policies related to the identifying these goods. A portion of this release was withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 7(E). (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-150473)
- On September 6, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Chris McDaniel**, a representative of *Last Week Tonight* in Brooklyn, New York, three pages of records pertaining to his request for seizure data by Agriculture's K9 Officers for CY 2023. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-156770)
- On September 6, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued to **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no records determination in response to his request for from September 25, 2023 through June 13, 2024 from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary, Immediate Office of the Secretary: all emails sent (via the custodian's outbox) mentioning 'Biden' AND 'health' OR 'age' OR 'mental' OR 'physical' OR 'drugs' OR 'stairs' OR 'dementia' OR 'Alzheimer's' OR 'Alzheimers' OR 'Parkinsons' OR 'poop' OR 'defecate' within ten words of each other. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01751)
- On September 6, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Matthew Petti**, a representative of *MuckRock News* in Boston, Massachusetts, 225 pages of records from the Alien File of the late Martin Sean Indyk, former United States Ambassador to Israel. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number ALF2024001127)
- On September 6, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jason Hopkins**, a representative of **Immigration Reform Law Institute** in Washington, D.C., six spreadsheets consisting of data located in I-129 forms for approved H-1B petitions, from January 1, 2019, through July 3, 2023. Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 6, and 7(C). (Case Number COW2023004571)
- On September 9, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Anne Jordan**, a representative of the *Maine Commission to Investigate the Shootings in Lewiston Maine*, in South Portland, Maine, a no records response regarding her request for all investigative reports involving the mass shooting that occurred on October 25, 2023, in Lewiston, Maine. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-028598)
- On September 9, 2024, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) released to **Richard Wieland**, a representative of *Freedom Magazine* in Los Angeles, CA, a no records determination in response to his request seeking records pertaining to "The Aftermath Foundation." (Case Number 2024-FLETC-FO-00186)
- On September 10, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Billal Rahman**, a representative of *Newsweek* in New York, New York, two pages listing the

number of open allegations of CBP employee criminal misconduct. This record was released in full. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-134136)

- On September 10, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Maite Amorebieta**, a representative of *NBC News* in Westfield, New Jersey, a no records response regarding her request for international flights manifests for LoveAir jet tail number N1969C from January 1, 2024, to present. (Case number CBP-FO-2024-131403)
- On September 11, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued to **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no records determination in response to his request for all communications to/from Anil K. Dewan, Co-Lead, DHS AI Task Force, Immediate Office of the Secretary: all emails sent (via the custodian's outbox) mentioning 'Signal' OR 'Protonmail' OR 'FOIA' from 20 January, 2021 to the present. (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01779)
- On September 11, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued to **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C., a no records determination in response to his request for all emails sent (via the custodian's inbox) mentioning 'Signal' OR 'Protonmail' OR 'FOIA' from January 20, 2021 to June 14, 2024 to or from Steven C. Feder, Chief of Staff, Science and Technology Directorate (S&T). (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01776)
- On September 11th, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued to **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington D.C., a no records determination in response to their requests for all communications sent by various named DHS personnel, mentioning 'Biden' AND '25th' OR 'parkinsons' OR 'dementia' (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02494, 2024-HQFO-02502, 2024-HQFO-02510, 2024-HQFO-02515, 2024-HQFO-02518, 2024-HQFO-02519, 2024-HQFO-02534, 2024-HQFO-02544, 2024-HQFO-02556, 2024-HQFO-02559, 2024-HQFO-02577, 2024-HQFO-02583, 2024-HQFO-02592)
- On September 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Kristina Cooke**, a representative of *Reuters* in Los Angeles, California, a no records response regarding her request for all memos, guidance or emails from Carla Provost mentioning anchor babies or pregnant aliens from May 1, 2019, to November 26, 2019. (Case Number CBP-2019-072906)
- On September 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Matt Drange**, a representative of *Insider* in San Francisco, California, a full denial regarding his request for the final evaluation and test results of Anduril Industries' artificial intelligence technology, conducted in 2017 and 2018. This record was withheld in full pursuant to FOIA exemptions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case number CBP-2022-023462)
- On September 11, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released to **Ko Lyn Cheang**, a representative of the *San Francisco Chronicle* in San Francisco, California, one spreadsheet containing CBP One appointments by citizenship from March 1, 2024,

through June 26, 2024. This record was released in full. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-129666)

#### **IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals**

- Nothing significant to report.

#### **V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases**

- Nothing significant to report.

#### **VI. Litigation**

- In the matter of **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU) v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), (24-cv-03123)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on November 9, 2021, seeking records consisting of: (1) any records of communication received from or transmitted to an official or entity of the City of Fremont, Nebraska, including any agent or contractor of Fremont regarding the implementation and enforcement of the Ordinance pertaining to renter's attestation of citizenship or immigration status. The request seeks any pertinent records from 2014 through the present; and (2) any records of communication received from or transmitted to an official or entity of the City of Scribner, Nebraska, including any agent or contractor of Scribner regarding the implementation and enforcement of an identical Ordinance. On September 5, 2024, USCIS released to the plaintiff one spreadsheet of records.
- In the matter of **Bloomberg, L.P. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (24-cv-01488)**, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 6, 2024, seeking records relating to employer-level statistics on L1 visa petitions for FY2018 and FY2020-2024. On September 10, 2024, USCIS released to the plaintiff 13 spreadsheets.
- In the matter of **Judicial Watch Inc, v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (24-cv-00742)**, the plaintiff filed a complaint March 14, 2024, seeking release of documents related to welding open 114 flood gates in the Arizona border wall. On September 4, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the first interim response, consisting of 12 pages of pictures and email correspondence.
- In the matter of **American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) vs. DHS, et al (22-00355)** plaintiff's FOIA request was referred to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on January 25, 2022, seeking records related to human trafficking and related email correspondence. Plaintiff filed suit on February 9, 2022, claiming injunctive relief. On September 9, 2024, CBP released its eighteenth interim response, consisting of 503 pages of records to the plaintiff.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

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**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Activity for the Week of  
September 12, 2024- September 18, 2024  
DHS Privacy Office  
September 23, 2024  
Weekly FOIA Report**

- I. Efficiency and Transparency** – Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and FOIA-related items: (i.e. – any posts made this week to your FOIA library or other disclosure actions/activities).
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is moving forward with plans to publish records in the e-Reading room
  - On September 12, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the 2024 Geauga County Jail and Clinton County Correctional Facility compliance inspection report (16 pages).
  - On September 12, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the PREA reports for T. Don Hutto, Imperial Regional Detention Facility, and Mesa Verde Processing Center (147 pages).
  - On September 13, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the 2024 Jefferson County Jail, Allen Parish Public Safety Complex, and Dallas County Jail detention facility compliance inspection reports (32 pages).
  - On September 13, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the Broward, Denver, Aguadilla, Eloy, El Valle, and Elizabeth detention facility contracts (56 pages).
  - On September 18, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted to the ICE FOIA Library the 2024 Minicassa Detention Center compliance inspection report (6 pages).
- II. Freedom of Information Act Requests**
- On September 12, 2024, **Caroline Graham**, a representative with the **Democratic National Committee** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the H-2A visa application information regarding AppHarvest, Inc. from January 1, 2017, through the present. (Case Number COW2024006755)
  - On September 12, 2024, **Danielle Palermo**, a representative of the **Humane Society Legislative Fund** in Bethesda, Maryland requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) all responses from FEMA or individual FEMA officials to the House Committee on Homeland Security and House Committee on Oversight and Accountability’s congressional letter pertaining to the *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* decision dated July 10, 2024. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01516).

- On September 12, 2024, **Susan Bibeau**, a representative of the **United States Coast Guard Academy** in New London, Connecticut, requested from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) records pertaining to the investigation report on the academy's cadet climate and culture from June 2006 to March 2007. (Case Number 2024-CGFO-02766)
- On September 12, 2024, **Irvin McCullough**, a representative of the **Government Accountability Project**, in Washington, D.C., requested from U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) emails pertaining to the recruitment and selection process for the Chief Medical Officer position within the Office of the Chief Medical Officer. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-169233)
- On September 12, 2024, **Audrey Azzo**, a representative of **Northwestern University** in Chicago, Illinois, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to every copy of the OMB No. 1652-0044 Traveler inquiry form filed between January 2023 to present (Case Number 2024-TSFO-02204)
- On September 12, 2024, **Joshua Craze** a representative of **Baffler Magazine** in Saratoga Springs, New York, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to HSI's investigation into Dolarian Capital's dealings with First Monetary Security Services Ltd. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-56214)
- On September 13, 2024, **Matthew Spaccarelli**, a private citizen in Simi Valley, California, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to whether any contract exists between TSA and "ALCLEAR, LLC" or "Clear", and whether TSA is compensated by CLEAR for TSA agents working on the CLEARC line. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-02214)
- On September 13, 2024, **Michael LaFirenza**, a representative with Lattice Publishing in San Diego, California, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to structured data files of TSA data related to airport security checkpoints between the dates of January 1, 2020, to present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-02216)
- On September 13, 2024, **Noah Wicks**, a representative of **Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc.**, in Nunda, South Dakota, requested from U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications to and from employees in CBP's Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison office containing the terms: ASF, African Swine Fever, or swine, from January 1, 2023, through September 13, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-169914)
- On September 13, 2024, **Maria Romani** a representative of the **American Civil Liberties Union** in Northern California, requested of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for records regarding grievances filed at California Immigration Detention Facilities. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-56777)
- On September 14, 2024, **Irvin McCullough**, a freelance Journalist in Washington, D.C. requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records pertaining to communication sent to or from the Office of the Chief Component Human Capital Officer that discuss the implementation of a candidate experience framework for

personnel vetting as recommended by the Government Accountability Office report from January 1, 2024, to the present. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01523).

- On September 14, 2024, **Veronica Fletcher**, a private citizen in Southampton, United Kingdom, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) pertaining to data on items confiscated or removed at airport security, covering the period for 2022, 2023, and 2024 up to the present. (Case Number TSA 2024-TSFO-02230)
- On September 14, 2024, **Irvin McCullough** a representative of the **Government Accountability Project**, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the representation of ICE in deportation proceedings involving spouses of U.S. citizens. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-56558)
- On September 14, 2024, **Billal Rahman** a representative of *Newsweek* in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the number of sexual assaults reported in ICE detention centers in Texas. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-56559)
- On September 15, 2024, **Michael Howell**, a representative of the **Heritage Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to all communications sent by various named TSA personnel mentioning 'Quiet Skies' AND 'Tulsi Gabbard' OR 'Gabbard' from January 20, 2021, to the present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-02231, 2024-TSFO-02232, 2024-TSFO-02233, 2024-TSFO-02234, 2024-TSFO-02235, 2024-TSFO-02236, 2024-TSFO-02237, 2024-TSFO-02238, 2024-TSFO-02239, 2024-TSFO-02240, 2024-TSFO-02241, 2024-TSFO-02242, 2024-TSFO-02243, 2024-TSFO-02244, 2024-TSFO-02245, 2024-TSFO-02246, 2024-TSFO-02247, 2024-TSFO-02248, 2024-TSFO-02249, 2024-TSFO-02250, 2024-TSFO-02251, 2024-TSFO-02252, 2024-TSFO-02253, 2024-TSFO-02254, 2024-TSFO-02255, 2024-TSFO-02256, 2024-TSFO-02257, 2024-TSFO-02258, 2024-TSFO-02259, 2024-TSFO-02260, 2024-TSFO-02261, 2024-TSFO-02262, 2024-TSFO-02263, 2024-TSFO-02264, 2024-TSFO-02265, 2024-TSFO-02266, 2024-TSFO-02267, 2024-TSFO-02268, 2024-TSFO-02269, 2024-TSFO-02270, 2024-TSFO-02271, 2024-TSFO-02272, 2024-TSFO-02273, 2024-TSFO-02274, 2024-TSFO-02275, 2024-TSFO-02276, 2024-TSFO-02277, 2024-TSFO-02278, 2024-TSFO-02279, 2024-TSFO-02280, 2024-TSFO-02281, 2024-TSFO-02282, 2024-TSFO-02283, 2024-TSFO-02284, 2024-TSFO-02285, 2024-TSFO-02286, 2024-TSFO-02287, 2024-TSFO-02288, 2024-TSFO-02289, 2024-TSFO-02290, 2024-TSFO-02291, 2024-TSFO-02292, 2024-TSFO-02293, 2024-TSFO-02294, 2024-TSFO-02295, 2024-TSFO-02296, 2024-TSFO-02297, 2024-TSFO-02298, 2024-TSFO-02299, 2024-TSFO-02300, 2024-TSFO-02301, 2024-TSFO-02302, 2024-TSFO-02303, 2024-TSFO-02304, 2024-TSFO-02305, 2024-TSFO-02306, 2024-TSFO-02307, 2024-TSFO-02308, 2024-TSFO-02309, 2024-TSFO-02310, 2024-TSFO-02311, 2024-TSFO-02312, 2024-TSFO-02313, 2024-TSFO-02314, 2024-TSFO-02315, 2024-TSFO-02316, 2024-TSFO-02317, 2024-TSFO-02318, 2024-TSFO-02319, 2024-TSFO-02320, 2024-TSFO-02321, 2024-TSFO-02322, 2024-TSFO-02323, 2024-TSFO-02324, 2024-TSFO-02325, 2024-TSFO-02326, 2024-TSFO-02327, 2024-TSFO-02328, 2024-



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- On September 16, 2024, **Michael Howell**, a representative of the **Heritage Foundation** in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) records pertaining to all communications sent by various named TSA personnel mentioning 'Trump' AND 'Reduction in Force' OR 'RIF' for the timeframe January 20, 2021, to the present. (Case Number 2024-TSFO-02395, 2024-TSFO-02396, 2024-TSFO-02397, 2024-TSFO-02398, 2024-TSFO-02399, 2024-TSFO-02400, 2024-TSFO-02401, 2024-TSFO-02402, 2024-TSFO-02403, 2024-TSFO-02404, 2024-TSFO-02405, 2024-TSFO-02406, 2024-TSFO-02407, 2024-TSFO-02408, 2024-TSFO-02409, 2024-TSFO-02410, 2024-TSFO-02411, 2024-TSFO-02412, 2024-TSFO-02413, 2024-TSFO-02414, 2024-TSFO-02415, 2024-TSFO-02416, 2024-TSFO-02417, 2024-TSFO-02418, 2024-TSFO-02419, 2024-TSFO-02420, 2024-TSFO-02421, 2024-TSFO-02422, 2024-TSFO-02423, 2024-TSFO-02424, 2024-TSFO-02425, 2024-TSFO-02426, 2024-TSFO-02427, 2024-TSFO-02428, 2024-TSFO-02429, 2024-TSFO-02430, 2024-TSFO-02431, 2024-TSFO-02432, 2024-TSFO-02433, 2024-TSFO-02434, 2024-TSFO-02435, 2024-TSFO-02436, 2024-TSFO-02437, 2024-TSFO-02438, 2024-TSFO-02439, 2024-TSFO-02440, 2024-TSFO-02441, 2024-TSFO-02442, 2024-TSFO-02443, 2024-TSFO-02444, 2024-TSFO-02445, 2024-TSFO-02446, 2024-TSFO-02447, 2024-TSFO-02448, 2024-TSFO-02449, 2024-TSFO-02450, 2024-TSFO-02451, 2024-TSFO-02452, 2024-TSFO-02453, 2024-TSFO-02454, 2024-TSFO-02455, 2024-TSFO-02456, 2024-TSFO-02457, 2024-TSFO-02458, 2024-TSFO-02459, 2024-TSFO-02460, 2024-TSFO-02461, 2024-TSFO-02462, 2024-TSFO-02463, 2024-TSFO-02464, 2024-TSFO-02465, 2024-TSFO-02466, 2024-TSFO-02467, 2024-TSFO-02468, 2024-TSFO-02469, 2024-TSFO-02470, 2024-TSFO-02471, 2024-TSFO-02472, 2024-TSFO-02473, 2024-TSFO-02474, 2024-TSFO-02475, 2024-TSFO-02476, 2024-TSFO-02477, 2024-TSFO-02478, 2024-TSFO-02479, 2024, TSFO-02480, 2024-TSFO-02481, 2024-TSFO-02482, 2024-TSFO-02483, 2024-TSFO-02484, 2024-TSFO-02485, 2024-TSFO-02486, 2024-TSFO-02487, 2024-TSFO-02488, 2024-TSFO-02489, 2024-TSFO-02490, 2024-TSFO-02491, 2024-TSFO-02492, 2024-TSFO-02493, 2024-TSFO-02494, 2024-TSFO-02495, 2024-TSFO-02496, 2024-

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- On September 16, 2024, **Michael Howell**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C. requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) communications mentioning “Elon Musk” or “Musk” and “SpaceX” or “Twitter” or “X” or “Tesla” or “NeuraLink”, between January 20, 2021 to the present, to and from several named FEMA employees. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01524).
- On September 16, 2024, **Michael Howell**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington, D.C. requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) all sent communications mentioning “Trump” and “Reduction in Force” or “RIF” or “Heritage Foundation” between January 20, 2021 to the present, several named FEMA employees. (Case Number 2024-FEFO-01571).
- On September 16, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick**, a representative of *Center to Advance Security in America (CASA)* in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records pertaining to the Venezuelan transnational-criminal organization, Tren de Aragua, from June 1, 2024, through September 17, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-170597)
- On September 16, 2024, **Mike Howell**, a representative of *The Heritage Foundation*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records from several named CBP officials mentioning the following terms: 'Trump' AND 'Reduction in Force' OR 'RIF' from January 20, 2021, to September 16, 2024. (Case Numbers CBP-FO-2024-170723, CBP-FO-2024-170724, and CBP-FO-2024-170725)
- On September 16, 2024, **Oliver Ward**, a representative of *Inside U.S. Trade*, in Washington, D.C., requested from U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) communications between CBP officials and email addresses from @wyden.senate.gov or @finance.senate.gov pertaining to reforming the de minimis system from January 1, 2024, to September 16, 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-170937)
- On September 16, 2024, **Dan Gooding**, a representative of *Newsweek*, in New York, New York, requested from U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) the number of CBP staff currently allowed to work from home, with a breakdown of fully-remote and

the number of days this is permitted, as well as the field office or port of entry to which the staff are assigned. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-170976)

- On September 16, 2024, **James Fitzpatrick** a representative of the **Center to Advance Security in America** in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records related to a Venezuelan transnational-criminal organization, Tren de Aragua, in Connecticut, since June 1, 2024. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-56651)
- On September 17, 2024, **Mica Rosenberg**, a representative of **ProPublica**, in New York, New York, requested from U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) apprehension data from FY 2023 and FY 2024. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-171380)
- On September 18, 2024, **Adrienne Smith** with **EWU Media, LLC** in Las Vegas, NV, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records pertaining to the investigation of Sean “Diddy” Combs. (Case Number 2024-ICFO-57145)

#### **Late Requests:**

- On September 5, 2024, **Alec Ferretti**, an individual in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File of the late Gordon Waller, former British guitarist and singer from the 1960’s duo group, Peter and Gordon. (Case Number ALF2024001530)
- On September 5, 2024, **Alec Ferretti**, an individual in New York, New York, requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the Alien File for Italian opera singer, the late Luciano Pavarotti. (Case Number NRC2024406706)

### **III. Freedom of Information Act Releases**

- On September 12, 2024, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will release to **Patrick Lohmann**, a representative of **Source New Mexico/Pro Publica** in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a copy of the contract/modifications and proposal documents (winning bid) for contract solicitation 70FBR622R00000027. (Case Number 2023-FEFO-00337). Portions of this release will be withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- On September 13, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued to **Roy Petty**, an attorney with **The State Bar of Texas** in Dallas, Texas, a no records response to his request for all training materials from the CBP Academy regarding the admissions at ports of entry for lawful permanent residence with criminal convictions. (Case Number CBP-FO-2024-155293)
- On September 14, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to **Edward Vogel**, a representative of **Lucy Parson Labs** in Chicago, IL, sixty-two (62) pages in response to their request for all records related to all ICE directives, manuals, policies, and procedure documents containing the term “Cross Check.” Portions of the release were withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C) and 7(E). (Case Number 2023-ICFO-05194)

- On September 17, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued to **Roman Jankowski**, a representative of *The Daily Signal* in Washington D.C., a no records determination in response to their request for all communications sent by Marcella Monet Richardson, Associate Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Immediate Office of the Secretary, mentioning 'Signal' OR 'Protonmail' OR 'FOIA' (Case Number 2024-HQFO-01762)
- On September 16, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Michael Gahagan**, an attorney in private practice in Metairie, Louisiana, 117 pages of records pertaining to FOIA request COW2019501492 seeking all procedural notes, communication and notes, FOIA Search Staffing Sheets, and emails drafted by or received by any USCIS employee in the possession of the several named USCIS employees from October 19, 2019, through July 9, 2020. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, 7(C), and 7(E). (Case Number COW2020001409)
- On September 17th, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office issued to **Mike Howell**, a representative of **The Heritage Foundation** in Washington D.C., a no records determination in response to their requests for all communications sent by the below individuals, mentioning “Project 2025, P2025, Mandate for Leadership, or Heritage Foundation.” (Case Number 2024-HQFO-02845, 2024-HQFO-02846, 2024-HQFO-02847, 2024-HQFO-02849, 2024-HQFO-02854, 2024-HQFO-02855, 2024-HQFO-02857, 2024-HQFO-02858, 2024-HQFO-02862, 2024-HQFO-02863, 2024-HQFO-02864, 2024-HQFO-02865, 2024-HQFO-02866, 2024-HQFO-02868, 2024-HQFO-02871, 2024-HQFO-02892, 2024-HQFO-02907, 2024-HQFO-02915, 2024-HQFO-02928, 2024-HQFO-02931, 2024-HQFO-02932, 2024-HQFO-02933, 2024-HQFO-02937, 2024-HQFO-02939, 2024-HQFO-02941, 2024-HQFO-02947, 2024-HQFO-02964, 2024-HQFO-02969, 2024-HQFO-02974, 2024-HQFO-02978, 2024-HQFO-02979, 2024-HQFO-02994)

#### IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- Nothing significant to report.

#### V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- Nothing significant to report.

#### VI. Litigation

- In the matter of *Luisa Duncan, et al. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, USCIS, (24-cv-01309)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on August 6, 2020, seeking records for an additional search for FOIA requests COW2020002007 and COW2020003066 seeking emails and staffing sheets related to communications and procedures to locate records for these FOIAs. The search included emails for the terms COW2020002007 and COW2020003066, email communications for USCIS employees: Cambri McNair, Stanley Crockett, Cindy Gomez, Eureka Artes Anthony

Wormser, for the period of August 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. On September 17, 2024, USCIS released to the plaintiff 28 pages of records.

- In the matter of *Behring Capital LLC v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (24-cv-04727)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on May 31, 2024, seeking data pertaining to I-526, I-485, I-956F, number of IPO staff, and organizational charts. On September 17, 2024, USCIS released to the plaintiff two spreadsheets and 550 pages of records.
- In the matter of *Al Otro Lado v. United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP)(22-cv-01280)*, on September 21, 2021, the plaintiff filed a FOIA request seeking records pertaining to DHS surveillance, data collection, and data sharing programs. Plaintiff filed a complaint on May 11, 2022. On September 18, 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued the seventh interim release, consisting of 131 pages of records to the plaintiff. In the matter of *American First Legal Foundation v. DHS, et al., (21-cv-2168)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on April 13, 2021, seeking all “written reports” referred to in the subsection titled “Weekly Reporting of All Enforcement And Removal Actions” on page 7 of a memorandum from Tae D. Johnson to “All ICE Employees” with a subject line of “Interim Guidance: Civil Immigration Enforcement and Removal Priorities” (Feb. 18, 2021) (the “Interim Guidance”), whether the reports be termed “Reports”, “Summaries”, “Rollups”, or otherwise. On September 13, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the plaintiff 2,000 rows (1) excel of records.
- In the matter of *HIRC. v. DHS, (21-cv-12030)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on February 11, 2020, seeking locations (city, state), dates, and names of arrested of all the critical incident weapons discharged (i.e. firearms usage) over the past five years between FY 2016 and FY 2020. On September 16, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) re-released to the plaintiff 110 pages and of records.
- In the matter of *Garcia Cardona v. Mayorkas et al., (24-cv-10065)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 11, 2024, seeking records on behalf of Maria Angelica Garcia Cardona prepared, received, transmitted, collected and/or maintained by ICE, which relates to deportation/removal file, processing databases, including but not limited to, forms, or other written, photographic, electronic, computer-generated, or recorded materials relating to him/her in possession of the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. On September 17, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the plaintiff 5 pages of records.
- In the matter of *American Immigration Council v. CBP, et al., (21-cv-01642)* plaintiff filed a FOIA request on March 21, 2021, seeking a multi-part FOIA request sought records from ICE (herein “agency”) that related to ICE’s databases. On September 18, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the plaintiff 1 Excel Spreadsheet of records.
- In the matter of *Susan B. Long v. ICE, (22-cv-2655)*, plaintiff filed a FOIA request on June 27, 2021, requesting a copy of all descriptive information—including the

name and description of each table and field of information along with the definition of all codes used—contained in the current version of each of the following two databases: the Enforcement Integrated Database (EID) and the ICE Integrated Decision Support Database (IIDS). September 18, 2024, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the plaintiff 1 Excel Spreadsheet of records.

## **Freedom of Information Act Exemptions**

**Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

**Exemption 2:** internal agency personnel rules and practices

**Exemption 3:** Information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

**Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

**Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

**Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

**Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or procedures, or F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

**Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

**Exemption 9:** geological information on wells