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Dear Theresa Lee:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office on June 23, 2025. The Department of Homeland Security Privacy Office referred another version of this request to our office on July 15, 2025 under Referral Number 2025-HQFO-04983.

You request:

"[T]he release of records for the period beginning at noon Eastern Standard Time on January 20, 2025 - including but not limited to written communications (including but not limited to messages sent via email, SMS message, iMessage, Slack, Microsoft Teams, WhatsApp, Signal, or other platforms) and memoranda—concerning or referencing: (1) Any changes made to the SAVE database since January 20, 2025, including but not limited to the addition of any categories of information, the ability to query the database by anything other than an Alien number, and the ability to query the database for more than one record at a time; (2) Any federal agencies that were authorized or permitted to access or use data maintained by the federal government to make changes to the SAVE database; (3) Any specific federal employees or contractors who were authorized or permitted to access or use data maintained by the federal government to make changes to the SAVE database; (4) Any steps taken to comply with Section 2 of Executive Order No. 14,248 (Mar. 25, 2025); (5) Any activity related to the updates described in USCIS Press Release: U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Servs., USCIS Deploys Common Sense Tools to Verify Voters (May 22, 2025), <https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/news-releases/uscis-deploys-common-sense-toolsto-verify-voters>; (6) Any communications with other federal agencies regarding the compilation of data that can be used for voter roll list maintenance; (7) Any contact with an official of a state government, including but not limited to Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Ohio, and Texas, regarding any data that can be used for voter roll list maintenance or is otherwise related to voter roll list maintenance; (8) Any communications with members or representatives of the Election Integrity Network, including but not limited to Cleta Mitchell."

USCIS has conducted an initial search of its documents based on your request. 5 pages of records are being sent for consultation with the Social Security Administration. 46 pages of records are being sent for consultation with the Department of Homeland Security Privacy Office.

We have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing the record set and have applied the FOIA exemptions as required by the statute and the Attorney General's guidance. Enclosed is the first production consisting of 1 Excel Spreadsheet and 333 pages with 220 pages released in their entirety and 113 pages released in part. We have reviewed and have determined to release all information except those portions that are exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(c), and (b)(7)(E) of the FOIA.

The following exemptions are applicable:

Exemption (b)(5) provides protection for inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters, which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld under this exemption may consist of documents containing pre-decisional information, documents or other memoranda prepared in contemplation of litigation, or confidential communications between attorney and client.

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files where the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The types of documents and/or information we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, drivers' licenses, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal.

Exemption (b)(7)(C) provides protection for personal information in law enforcement records, which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We have withheld information relating to third-party individuals. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld could consist of names, addresses, identification numbers, telephone numbers, fax numbers, or various other documents that are considered personal.

Exemption (b)(7)(E) of the FOIA provides protection for records or information for law enforcement purposes which would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. The types of documents and/or information we have withheld could consist of law enforcement systems checks, manuals, checkpoint locations, surveillance techniques, and various other documents.

There may be additional documents that contain discretionary releases of exempt information. If made, these releases are specifically identified in the responsive record. These discretionary releases do not waive our ability to invoke applicable FOIA exemptions for similar or related information in the future.

In that disclosure of records, some of the pages you received may contain a restrictive marking on them, such as "FOUO", "LES", "For Official Use Only" or "Law Enforcement Sensitive." Please note that these pages have been reviewed pursuant to the FOIA and its corresponding regulations. Accordingly, these markings should be disregarded for this release.

I note this matter is subject to litigation. If you have any questions about this production, please contact the Assistant United States Attorney Brian J. Levy at Brian.Levy2@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,



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Acting Chief FOIA Officer
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Enclosure(s)