



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

April 28, 2020

Benjamin Hulac
CQ Roll Call
1201 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Floor 7
Washington, DC 20004

Re: FOIA-2020-00357

Dear Mr. Hulac:

This is in response to your request dated January 14, 2020, under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to “[a]ll correspondence logs that record written correspondence, including letters, sent to and from members of Congress and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019.” In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records on February 26, 2020.

We have located 16 pages and 24 spreadsheets of responsive records. I am granting partial access to the accessible records. Portions of these pages fall within one or more of the exemptions to the FOIA’s disclosure requirements, as explained below.

Portions of the responsive records are exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 2, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010), because it is related solely to internal personnel rules and practices of the agency. *See also, Milner v. Department of the Navy*, 131 S. Ct. 1259 (2011).

I am denying access to names and any other identifying information found in the records. This information is exempt from release under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because individuals’ right to privacy outweighs the general public’s interest in seeing personal identifying information. *See The Lakin Law Firm v. FTC*, 352 F.3d 1122 (7th Cir. 2003).

Some records are exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 7(A), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A), because disclosure of that material could reasonably be expected to interfere with the conduct of the Commission’s law enforcement activities. *See Robbins Tire & Rubber Co. v. NLRB*, 437 U.S. 214 (1978).

If you have any questions about the way we handled your request or about the FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Lisa Gomes at 202-326-2827.

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may appeal by writing to Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, or via email at

FOIAAppeal@ftc.gov, within 90 days of the date of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from the FTC FOIA Public Liaison Richard Gold via telephone at 202-326-3355 or via e-mail at rgold@ftc.gov; or from the Office of Government Information Services via email at ogis@nara.gov, via fax at 202-741-5769, or via mail at Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740. Please note that the FOIA Public Liaison's role relates to comments, questions or concerns that a FOIA Requester may have with or about the FOIA Response. The FOIA Public Liaison's role does not relate to taking action in matters of private controversy nor can he resolve individual complaints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dione J. Stearns". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dione J. Stearns
Assistant General Counsel