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RE: FOIA Request #CFPB-2022-0004-F

February 16, 2022

Mr. Eric Anderson  
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*Via email: 124979-72652022@requests.muckrock.com*

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This letter is to inform you that on February 16, 2022, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 15, 2022. Your request sought:

- The civil investigative demand sent Allied Wallet Inc, a Los Angeles company, on or about May 2019
- Documents from Allied Wallet responsive to the demand

Please be advised that the CFPB FOIA Office has a backlog of pending FOIA requests. We are diligently working to process each request in the order in which it was received. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

In accordance with Section 1070.17 of the CFPB FOIA regulations, 12 C.F.R. Part 1070, the Bureau generally processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although the CFPB's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period for unusual circumstances. Unusual circumstances include the need to search for and collect records from separate CFPB officers; the need to search for, collect, and examine a voluminous amount of records "demanded in a single request"; and the need to consult with another agency or two or more agency components.

Due to the need to search for, collect, and examine a voluminous amount of records "demanded in a single request," the CFPB will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, as allowed by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). If you have any questions or if you wish to discuss the reformulation of your request or an alternative time frame for processing your request, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at [FOIA@consumerfinance.gov](mailto:FOIA@consumerfinance.gov) or by phone at 1-855-444-FOIA (3642).

You have been determined to be a non-commercial requester and provisions of the FOIA allow the CFPB to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. You will be charged for [consumerfinance.gov](https://www.consumerfinance.gov)

the search (after the first two hours) and duplication (after the first 100 pages) costs in accordance with the CFPB Interim FOIA regulations as applicable to non-commercial requestors. The CFPB's FOIA Fee Schedule may be viewed at [www.consumerfinance.gov/foia-requests/fee-schedule/](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/foia-requests/fee-schedule/). You indicated in your request that you would like to be contacted, if fees will be expected to apply for the processing of your request. The Bureau does not charge fees to search for and review records when those fees total less than \$250. You will be contacted in the event there are additional fees related to the processing of your request beyond this amount.

You may appeal any of the responses or decisions set forth above. If you choose to file an appeal, you must do so within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for the appeal. You may send your appeal via the mail (address below) or email ([foia@consumerfinance.gov](mailto:foia@consumerfinance.gov)).

Your appeal should be addressed to:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
Chief FOIA Officer  
Freedom of Information Appeal  
1700 G Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20552

For inquiries concerning your request, please reference your FOIA request number above and contact our FOIA Public Liaison via email at [FOIA@consumerfinance.gov](mailto:FOIA@consumerfinance.gov) or by phone at 1-855-444-FOIA (3642).

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



Paul Levitan  
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