

Exhibit 4



**Homeland
Security**

Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

March 17, 2022

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: aturner@advancing-america.org

Adam Turner
CASA
1802 Vernon Street NW
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Re: 2022-HQFO-00679

Dear Adam Turner:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated March 3, 2022, and to your request for a waiver of all assessable FOIA fees. Our office received your request on March 4, 2022. Specifically, you requested Specifically, we are seeking the following records from January 20, 2021 to the date the request is processed:

1. Internal Communications: All records sent to, from, or including the below list of DHS officials about the transportation of illegal aliens from the Southern Border of the U.S. to other areas of the U.S.:
 - a. Alejandro Mayorkas
 - b. John Tien
 - c. Kristie Canegallo
 - d. Jonathan Meyer
 - e. Paul Courtney
 - f. Alice Lugo
 - g. Blas Nunez Neto
 - h. Ur Mendoza Jaddou
 - i. Jennifer Higgins
 - j. Chris Magnus
 - k. Troy Miller
 - l. Heather Fong
 - m. Britton Yee
 - n. Miriam Enriquez
 - o. Karinda Washington
 - p. Traci Silas
 - q. Marsha Espinosa

r. Meira Bernstein

s. Erin Waters

t. Phyllis Coven

u. Nathan Stiefel

v. David Gersten

w. Katherine Culliton-Gonzalez

x. Eva A. Millona

2. Externals Communications with Media and Congress: All records sent to, from, or including the above list of DHS officials and any member of the media or member of Congress and/or their staff about the transportation of illegal aliens from the Southern Border of the U.S. to other areas of the U.S.

3. External Communications with NGOs: All records exchanged between the officials within the DHS identified above and any employee or representative of the following non-profit organizations:

a. Southwest Key Programs

b. BCFS

c. Jesuit Society of Refugees

d. Fray Matias de Cordova

e. Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES)

f. International Rescue Committee

g. American Immigration Council

h. U.S. Catholic Immigration Services

i. Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center

j. Human Rights First

k. Immigrant Defenders Law Center

l. National Immigrant Justice Center

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Consistent with 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although DHS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period in certain circumstances under 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c). As your request seeks documents that will require a thorough and wide-ranging search, DHS will invoke a 10-day extension for your request pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c). If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

You have requested a fee waiver. The DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.11(k) set forth six factors DHS must evaluate to determine whether the applicable legal standard for a fee waiver has been met: (1) Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government," (2) Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities, (3) Whether disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the individual understanding of the requester or a narrow segment of interested persons, (4) Whether the contribution to public understanding of government operations or activities will be "significant," (5) Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the

requested disclosure, and (6) Whether the magnitude of any identified commercial interest to the requester is sufficiently large in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

Upon review of the subject matter of your request, and an evaluation of the six factors identified above, DHS has determined that it will conditionally grant your request for a fee waiver. The fee waiver determination will be based upon a sampling of the responsive documents received from the various DHS program offices as a result of the searches conducted in response to your FOIA request. DHS will, pursuant to DHS FOIA regulations applicable to non-commercial requesters, provide two hours of search time and process the first 100 pages at no charge to you. If upon review of these documents, DHS determines that the disclosure of the information contained in those documents does not meet the factors permitting DHS to waive the fees, then DHS will at that time either deny your request for a fee waiver entirely, or will allow for a percentage reduction in the amount of the fees corresponding to the amount of relevant material found that meets the factors allowing for a fee waiver. In either case, DHS will promptly notify you of its final decision regarding your request for a fee waiver and provide you with the responsive records as required by applicable law.

In the event that your fee waiver is denied, and you determine that you still want the records, provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS FOIA regulations as they apply to non-commercial requesters. As a non-commercial requester you will be charged for any search time and duplication beyond the free two hours and 100 pages mentioned in the previous paragraph. You will be charged 10 cents per page for duplication and search time at the per quarter-hour rate (\$4.00 for clerical personnel, \$7.00 for professional personnel, \$10.25 for managerial personnel) of the searcher. In the event that your fee waiver is denied, we will construe the submission of your request as an agreement to pay up to \$25.00. This office will contact you before accruing any additional fees.

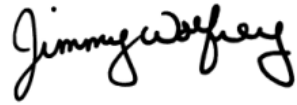
Please be aware that our office will be unable to conduct a search for subjects h through k of your request, as they are employed by other DHS components. DHS is decentralized and each DHS component has its own FOIA Office. A list of DHS disclosure contacts is available on our website from <http://www.dhs.gov/foia-contact-information>

We have queried the appropriate component(s) of DHS for responsive records. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability. Please be assured that one of the analysts in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2022-HQFO-00679**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. The status of your FOIA request is now available online and can be accessed at: <https://foiarequest.dhs.gov/app/CheckStatus.aspx>, by using this FOIA request number.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 1-866-431-0486 or 202-343-1743 or at foia@hq.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Wolfrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent dot over the 'i' in "Jimmy".

Jimmy Wolfrey
Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management
(Acting)