



U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement

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Dear Mr. Free:

The Department of Homeland Security has received your letter appealing the adverse determination of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Your appeal, **postmarked or electronically transmitted on August 10, 2022**, was received on **August 22, 2022**.

The Government Information Law Division acknowledges your appeal request of **2019-ICFO-38323** and is assigning it number **2022-ICAP-00968** for tracking purposes. Please reference this number in any future communications about your appeal.

A high number of FOIA/PA requests have been received by the Department. Accordingly, we have adopted the court-sanctioned practice of generally handling backlogged appeals on a first-in, first-out basis.¹ While we will make every effort to process your appeal on a timely basis, there may be some delay in resolving this matter. Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your appeal, please contact Marcus Francis, ICE FOIA Office/Public Liaison at (866) 633-1182, or by email at ice-foia@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ JJohns for

Shiraz Panthaky
Chief
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ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
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¹ Appeals of expedited treatment denials will be handled on an expedited basis.