

Exhibit 8

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Details of Request

(Read only details of request)



Request	Fee Waiver Requested?:	Pending Decision
<p>Description: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, AFPF therefore requests: 1. All records reflecting outgoing email messages from Secretary Mayorkas's official DHS email account(s) to any of his personal email accounts; 2. All records reflecting email messages from Secretary Mayorkas's personal email account(s) that were received in his official DHS email account(s); and 3. A copy of DHS's current policy directive/rule concerning the use of personal accounts on agency technology systems (e.g., web-based email accessed through agency computers) or for official business (e.g., use of personal accounts on personal devices). The time period for this request is February 2, 2021 to the present. For purposes of this request, "official DHS email account(s)" should</p>	<p>Reason for Fee Waiver: AFPF requests a waiver of any and all applicable fees. The FOIA and DHS shall furnish requested records without or at reduced charge if "disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." In this case, the requested records unquestionably shed light on the "operations or activities of the government" because they relate to the conduct of agency business by Secretary Mayorkas, albeit through private channels—namely, personal email accounts. The</p>	

be understood to include alias accounts, as well as secondary or supplemental accounts assigned to Secretary Mayorkas but utilized by his immediate staff on his behalf. For all items of this request, AFPF seeks the entirety of any email chain, any portion of which contains an individual email message responsive to this request, i.e., the entire email chain is responsive to this request. If DHS identifies responsive records it deems outside its legal control (e.g., personal records), AFPF requests the agency inform AFPF that such records exist and provide a detailed control analysis that justifies their treatment. PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED PDF FOR A COMPLETE STATEMENT OF AFPF'S FOIA REQUEST

Agency: Department of Homeland Security

Component: Headquarters & Privacy Office

Processing Track: Simple

Request Type: FOIA Request

use of private email by government actors is a well-established issue of public interest, and it is uncontroverted that records reflecting such usage are subject to disclosure. This remains the case even when non-agency accounts or devices are used. DHS is no stranger to the controversy surrounding the use of personal email accounts to conduct official government business. AFPF intends to educate the public with the results of its request. It has the intent and ability to make those results available to a reasonably broad public audience through various media. AFPF's staff has significant experience and relevant expertise; these professionals will analyze responsive records, if any, use their editorial skills to turn raw materials into a distinct work, and share the resulting analysis with the public. Finally, AFPF is a non-profit organization, as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and it therefore has no commercial interest in making this request. PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED PDF OF AFPF'S FOIA REQUEST FOR A COMPLETE



Submitted Date: 01/10/2023

STATEMENT OF ITS FEE WAIVER
AND FEE CATEGORY REQUESTS.

Request Status: Initial Determination

Expedited Processing?: Not Requested

Identity Verification Status: Not Requested by Agency

Reason for Expedited Processing: -

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