

# **EXHIBIT 8**



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

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Mr. Mike Howell  
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RE: Your FOIA Request to Treasury, Case Number 2023-FOIA-00559

Dear Mr. Howell:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, dated 07/06/2023. Your request is outlined as follows:

"Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the Department of the Treasury, 31 CFR Part 1, Subpart A, I respectfully request the following records (or records containing the following information):

Part 1:

1) All electronic mail (emails) from the following custodians:

- a) Dr. Janet Louise Yellen
- b) Calvin A. Mitchell III
- c) Alvin Zack Rosenblum
- d) Natalie Pyle Earnest
- e) James V. Secreto
- f) William Pratt
- g) Chastity C. Murphy
- h) Matthew Wiegmann
- i) Didem A. Nisanci
- j) Nathan H. Levit
- k) Aditi Hardikar
- l) Kayla Arslanian
- m) Nicole Lindler
- n) Raymond Pham
- o) Hira Qureshi

2) That contain the following terms:

- a. recession
- b. alternative definitions of recession
- c. alternative recession measurements

Please limit the search for this request from 4/28/2022 to 10/27/2022."

I have initiated a search within the Departmental Offices for records that would be responsive to your request. Every effort will be made to provide you with a timely response; however, unusual circumstances exist regarding the search for and review of potentially responsive records which may delay our response. This may include the need to consult with multiple program offices, to review a voluminous quantity of records, or to search for records stored in multiple locations. I invite you to contact my office to discuss limiting the scope of your request which could significantly reduce the time needed to process your request.

We will review your request for a fee waiver once our office ascertains that the billable costs will exceed our \$25.00 billing threshold.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact Treasury's FOIA Public Liaison by phone at (202) 622-8098 or by email at [FOIAPL@treasury.gov](mailto:FOIAPL@treasury.gov).

If the FOIA Public Liaison is unable to satisfactorily resolve your question or concern, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may contact the agency directly by email at [OGIS@nara.gov](mailto:OGIS@nara.gov), by phone at (877) 684-6448, by fax at (202) 741-5769 or by mail at the address below:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

You may reach me via telephone at 202-622-0930, extension 2; or via e-mail at [FOIA@treasury.gov](mailto:FOIA@treasury.gov). Please reference FOIA case number 2023-FOIA-00559 when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely,

Cawana Pearson  
FOIA and Transparency  
Office of Privacy, Transparency, and Records  
U.S. Department of the Treasury