

# **EXHIBIT I**

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Mr. Bralow: Thank you for your submission. The Department of the Interior (“Department”) has accepted your Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) appeal for processing, with a date of receipt of October 4, 2022, and it has assigned the matter as **Appeal No. 2023-002**.

Please be aware that the FOIA requires an agency to make a determination on an appeal within 20 workdays after the receipt of such appeal. *5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(ii)*. While the Department will make every effort to reach a decision on your appeal within this time limit, if you do not receive a determination within 20 workdays, you may seek judicial review under *5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B)*. However, should the Department not make a timely determination on the appeal, it hopes that you will delay filing a lawsuit so that it can thoroughly review the issues you raised and make a decision.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please e-mail them to the FOIA Appeals Office. Thank you.

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