

**Exhibit 106**

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**FOIA Request # 2024-00297-FOIA-PHS - ECD Demand (our file: Zandifar - DOED & HHS)**

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From: **OS FOIA Request (HHS/ASPA)** <FOIARequest@hhs.gov>  
Date: Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 7:14 AM  
Subject: RE: FOIA Request # 2024-00297-FOIA-PHS - ECD Demand (our file: Zandifar - DOED & HHS)  
To: Peter Sorenson <peter@sorensonfoialaw.com>

Thank you for your email regarding the above-referenced subject. The HHS FOIA office has not yet received any responsive records from the program office pertaining to your request. Please be advised, that like other larger agencies, the HHS FOIA office has a backlog of FOIA requests, which we are working to address. Please be further advised that we process records on a first-in, first-out basis, and currently your request is 2,656 out of 3000 open requests.

I am unable to provide you with an estimated date of completion absent knowing the record volume yielded by the search. Please feel free to check back later. I hope the information provided is helpful to you. Thank you and kind regards.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Peter Sorenson <[peter@sorensonfoialaw.com](mailto:peter@sorensonfoialaw.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 10, 2024 7:30 PM  
**To:** OS FOIA Request (HHS/ASPA) <[FOIARequest@hhs.gov](mailto:FOIARequest@hhs.gov)>; Peter Sorenson <[peter@sorensonfoialaw.com](mailto:peter@sorensonfoialaw.com)>  
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February 10, 2024

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2/12/24, 10:07 AM

Sorenson Law LLC Mail - FOIA Request # 2024-00297-FOIA-PHS - ECD Demand (our file: Zandifar - DOED & HHS)

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: [foiarequest@hhs.gov](mailto:foiarequest@hhs.gov)

RE: FOIA Request # 2024-00297-FOIA-PHS - ECD Demand (our file: Zandifar - DOED & HHS)

Hello,

We represent Sorenson Law LLC. We made a request for records from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on December 4, 2023 via the online portal. It was acknowledged by HHS on December 5, 2023. The HHS office assigned it FOIA Request # 2024-00297-FOIA-PHS.

Title 5 United States Code § 552 (a)(7)(B)(ii) states that each agency shall provide the person making a request for records an estimated date on which the agency will complete action on the request. The law states:

"Each agency shall -- . . . (B) establish a telephone line or Internet service that provides information about the status of a request to the person making the request using the assigned tracking number, including -- . . . (ii) an estimated date on which the agency will complete action on the request."

This provision was enacted by Congress in 2007. According to the Office of Government Information Services Freedom of Information Act Ombudsman "[t]his requirement helps the requester better understand the agency's FOIA process and gives the requester a more accurate picture of when he/she will receive a response."

In this instance, the agency has not provided us with an Estimated Completion Date (ECD), although we made our original ECD when we sent our request.

Demand is formally made upon you to provide an Estimated Completion Date. This Estimated Completion Date may be provided to me via email at [peter@sorensonfoialaw.com](mailto:peter@sorensonfoialaw.com).

What is the estimated completion date for the above described request?

Best,

Pete

C. Peter Sorenson  
Sorenson Law LLC



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