# Exhibit 2

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Public Health Service** 

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Atlanta GA 30333 November 2, 2023

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Dear Siri:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 26, 2023. Your request assigned number is 24-00101-FOIA, and it has been placed in our complex processing queue.

### **Extension of Time**

In unusual circumstances, an agency can extend the twenty-working-day limit to respond to a FOIA request.

We will require an additional ten-working-days to respond to your request because:

|     | We reasonably expect to receive and review voluminous records in response to your request |
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|     | We reasonably expect to consult with two or more C/I/O/s, or another HHS operating        |
| div | vision or another federal agency about your request.                                      |

To process your request promptly, please consider narrowing the scope of your request to limit the number of responsive records. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the analyst handling your request Jonesa Davis at 770-488-6067 or our FOIA Public Liaison, Roger Andoh at 770-488-6277. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services; National Archives and Records Administration; 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS; College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

## **Expedited Processing**

You requested that we expedite processing your request. Your request is granted and your FOIA request would be processed as quickly as possible.

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### Fees and Fee Waivers

You requested that we waive fees associated with processing your request. Your request is granted because you are considered a "News Media requester," you will not be charged fees unless you choose to receive responsive records in hard copy. (10 cents/page)

#### **Cut-off-date**

If you don't provide us with a date range for your request, the cut-off date for your request will be the date the search for responsive records starts.

## **Appeal Rights**

You have the right to appeal the agency's expedited processing and/or fee waiver response to your request. You may file your appeal with the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, via the online portal at <a href="https://requests.publiclink.hhs.gov/App/Index.aspx">https://requests.publiclink.hhs.gov/App/Index.aspx</a>. Your appeal must be electronically transmitted by January 31, 2024.

You may check on the status of your case on our FOIA webpage <a href="https://foia.cdc.gov/app/Home.aspx">https://foia.cdc.gov/app/Home.aspx</a> and entering your assigned request number. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Jonesa Davis at 770-488-6067.

We reasonably anticipate that you should receive documents by December 18, 2023. Please know that this date roughly estimates how long it will take the agency to close requests ahead of your request in the queue and complete work on your request. The actual date of completion might be before or after this estimated date.

Sincerely,

Roger Andoh

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