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To: Sunny Shah <sshah@murrayosorio.com>

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 9:47 AM

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**Subject:** Re: [External] RE: CBP-FO-2023-061953

Good morning,

I am writing to follow up on the CBP FOIA request below. It has now been approximately one year since filing the request and we have yet to receive any response from CBP. We respectfully request that your office expedite the processing of this request.

Best,  
Sunny

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Dear sir or madam:

I represent Mr. Adane Zeleke Abegaz (DOB: 12/21/1980) in his immigration matters. On March 27, 2023, Mr. Abegaz submitted a CBP FOIA requesting "any records of apprehensions, detentions, and interactions with CBP. As well as any records of any entries and exits, voluntary departures or expedited removals." Specifically, Mr. Abegaz is seeking evidence of his lawful admission on or around 2009 when he entered on a valid F-1 visa. To date, Mr. Abegaz has not received a response to his CBP FOIA request. We acknowledge that the receipt notice states a current backlog of 6-9 months. However, it has now been close to 11 months since Mr. Abegaz filed this FOIA request. Therefore, we are inquiring on the status of the FOIA request as it has now been way beyond the 20 working days required by the regulation to either grant or deny a request. See 6 C.F.R. 5.6(c). We look forward to your earliest reply.

Best,

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