

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00130-TJK**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/19/2022
Date Terminated: 08/05/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/19/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number BDCDC-8989956) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Exhibit, # <u>4</u> Exhibit, # <u>5</u> Exhibit, # <u>6</u> Exhibit, # <u>7</u> Exhibit, # <u>8</u> Exhibit, # <u>9</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>10</u> Summons, # <u>11</u> Summons, # <u>12</u> Summons)(Morton, Jessica) (Entered: 01/19/2022)
01/19/2022	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Morton, Jessica) (Entered: 01/19/2022)
01/20/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (zsb) (Entered: 01/20/2022)
01/20/2022	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Samara M Spence on behalf of DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Spence, Samara) (Entered: 01/20/2022)
01/24/2022	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znm) (Entered: 01/24/2022)
01/31/2022	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 1/28/2022. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/27/2022. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Morton, Jessica) (Entered: 01/31/2022)
01/31/2022	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 1/28/2022., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 1/28/2022. (See Docket Entry <u>5</u> to view document) (ztth) (Entered: 01/31/2022)
02/28/2022	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Saslaw, Alexandra) (Entered: 02/28/2022)
03/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by March 31, 2022. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 3/1/2022. (lctjk3) (Entered: 03/01/2022)
03/31/2022	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Saslaw, Alexandra) (Entered: 03/31/2022)
04/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report by May 30, 2022. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 4/1/2022. (lctjk3) (Entered: 04/01/2022)
05/27/2022	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Saslaw, Alexandra) (Entered: 05/27/2022)
06/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report by June 24, 2022. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 6/1/2022. (lctjk3) (Entered: 06/01/2022)

06/24/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Saslaw, Alexandra) (Entered: 06/24/2022)
06/28/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report by July 25, 2022. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 6/28/2022. (lctjk3) (Entered: 06/28/2022)
07/25/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Saslaw, Alexandra) (Entered: 07/25/2022)
07/26/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report by August 24, 2022. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 7/26/2022. (lctjk3) (Entered: 07/26/2022)
08/24/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Saslaw, Alexandra) (Entered: 08/24/2022)
08/25/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report by September 23, 2022. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/25/2022. (lctjk3) (Entered: 08/25/2022)
09/23/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Saslaw, Alexandra) (Entered: 09/23/2022)
09/25/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report by October 24, 2022. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 9/25/2022. (lctjk3) (Entered: 09/25/2022)
10/24/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order Plaintiff's Proposed Order)(Morton, Jessica) (Entered: 10/24/2022)
11/11/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED, that, if Defendant has not already done so, Defendant shall produce to Plaintiff, or convey to Plaintiff a decision to withhold, the "approximately 200 pages" it described in the <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, by November 18, 2022. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by December 2, 2022. It is further ORDERED that in the joint status report, the parties shall each set forth a proposal for a schedule that would require Defendant to produce documents to Plaintiff, or convey to Plaintiff a decision to withhold documents from Plaintiff, at a specific rate. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 11/11/2022. (lctjk3) (Entered: 11/11/2022)
11/29/2022	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher D. Edelman on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Edelman, Christopher) (Entered: 11/29/2022)
11/29/2022	<u>16</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Status Report</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Edelman, Christopher) (Entered: 11/29/2022)
11/30/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>16</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time. Upon consideration of Defendant's <u>16</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. The parties shall file, by December 16, 2022, a joint status report that conforms to the instructions in the Court's Minute Order of November 11, 2022. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 11/30/2022. (lctjk3) (Entered: 11/30/2022)
12/16/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Edelman, Christopher) (Entered: 12/16/2022)
12/18/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file, by February 17, 2023, a further joint status report. It is further ORDERED that Defendant shall adhere to the production schedule described in the <u>17</u> Joint Status Report. If, for any reason, Defendant cannot meet its obligations under that schedule, it shall file a motion in this Court seeking relief from this Order and explaining its reasons. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on

		12/18/2022. (lctjk3) (Entered: 12/18/2022)
02/17/2023	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Edelman, Christopher) (Entered: 02/17/2023)
02/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file, by May 18, 2023, a further joint status report. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 2/20/2023. (lctjk3) (Entered: 02/20/2023)
05/03/2023	<u>19</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. Attorney Samara M Spence terminated. (Spence, Samara) (Entered: 05/03/2023)
05/18/2023	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Edelman, Christopher) (Entered: 05/18/2023)
05/19/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file, by August 16, 2023, a further joint status report. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 5/19/2023. (lctjk3) (Entered: 05/19/2023)
06/13/2023	<u>21</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Samuel Rebo on behalf of All Defendants (Rebo, Samuel) (Entered: 06/13/2023)
08/16/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Rebo, Samuel) (Entered: 08/16/2023)
08/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file, by November 14, 2023, a further joint status report. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/21/2023. (lctjk3) (Entered: 08/21/2023)
11/14/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Rebo, Samuel) (Entered: 11/14/2023)
11/16/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file, by February 14, 2024, a further joint status report. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 11/16/2023. (lctjk3) (Entered: 11/16/2023)
02/14/2024	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Rebo, Samuel) (Entered: 02/14/2024)
02/15/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file, by May 14, 2024, a further joint status report. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 2/15/2024. (lctjk3) (Entered: 02/15/2024)
03/28/2024	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Rebo, Samuel) (Entered: 03/28/2024)
03/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>25</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file, by June 26, 2024, a further joint status report. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 3/29/2024. (lctjk3) (Entered: 03/29/2024)
06/26/2024	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Rebo, Samuel) (Entered: 06/26/2024)
06/28/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>26</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file, by July 26, 2024, a further joint status report. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 6/28/2024. (lctjk3) (Entered: 06/28/2024)
07/12/2024	<u>27</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Keri Lane Berman on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Substituting for attorney Samuel Rebo (Berman, Keri) (Entered: 07/12/2024)
07/26/2024	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Berman, Keri) (Entered: 07/26/2024)
07/30/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>28</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file, by September 10, 2024, a further joint status report. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 7/30/2024. (lctjk3) (Entered: 07/30/2024)

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07/30/2024	<u>29</u>	NOTICE of Voluntary Dismissal by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Morton, Jessica) (Entered: 07/30/2024)