

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00290-ABJ**

CATHOLICVOTE CIVIC ACTION et al v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY et al  
Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/04/2022  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/04/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9022920) filed by CATHOLICVOTE CIVIC ACTION, JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for US Attorney for DC, # <u>3</u> Summons for US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons for U.S. Department of Homeland Security, # <u>5</u> Summons for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)(Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
02/04/2022	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CATHOLICVOTE CIVIC ACTION (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
02/04/2022	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
02/04/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (znmng) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
02/10/2022	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Entered: 02/10/2022)
02/23/2022	<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 2/11/2022. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/13/2022. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/23/2022)
02/23/2022	<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 02/22/22. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/23/2022)
02/23/2022	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 2/14/2022 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/23/2022)
02/23/2022	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 2/18/2022 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/23/2022)
03/11/2022	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Thomas Duffey on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 03/11/2022)
03/11/2022	<u>10</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, <i>with proposed order</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 03/11/2022)
03/15/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. Notwithstanding the lack of plaintiff's unqualified consent, which is noted, defendants must answer or otherwise respond to the complaint by April 13, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 03/15/2022. (lcabj2) (Entered: 03/15/2022)

04/13/2022	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 04/13/2022)
04/14/2022	<u>12</u>	ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. Defendants shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiffs, on or before May 12, 2022. See Order for details. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 04/14/2022. (lcabj2) (Entered: 04/14/2022)
05/13/2022	<u>13</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 05/13/2022)
05/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the <u>13</u> status report, defendants must submit a status report by June 13, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 05/16/2022. (lcabj2) (Entered: 05/16/2022)
06/13/2022	<u>14</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 06/13/2022)
06/15/2022		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the <u>14</u> status report, defendants must submit another status report by August 15, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 06/15/2022. (lcabj2) (Entered: 06/15/2022)
08/15/2022	<u>15</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 08/15/2022)
08/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the <u>15</u> status report, defendants must submit another status report by October 17, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 08/16/2022. (lcabj2) (Entered: 08/16/2022)
10/17/2022	<u>16</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 10/17/2022)
10/17/2022	<u>17</u>	RESPONSE <i>Plaintiffs' Response to Defendants' Status Report and Request to Make Future Status Reports Joint</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 10/17/2022)
10/20/2022		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the defendants' <u>16</u> status report and plaintiffs' <u>17</u> response, the parties must submit a joint status report by December 15, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/20/2022. (lcabj2) (Entered: 10/20/2022)
12/15/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 12/15/2022)
12/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>18</u> joint status report, the parties must submit another joint status report by February 15, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/16/2022. (lcabj2) (Entered: 12/16/2022)
02/14/2023	<u>19</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Joshua Ontell on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY Substituting for attorney Thomas Duffey (Ontell, Joshua) (Entered: 02/14/2023)
02/15/2023	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Ontell, Joshua) (Entered: 02/15/2023)
02/15/2023		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>20</u> joint status report, the parties must submit another joint status report by April 19, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 02/15/2023. (lcabj2) (Entered: 02/15/2023)

03/23/2023	<u>21</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by M. Jared Littman on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Joshua Ontell (Littman, M. Jared) (Entered: 03/23/2023)
04/18/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 04/18/2023)
04/19/2023		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>22</u> joint status report, the parties must submit another joint status report by July 18, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 04/19/2023. (lcabj2) (Entered: 04/19/2023)
07/18/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 07/18/2023)
07/19/2023		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>23</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties must submit another joint status report by October 16, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 7/19/23. (DMK) (Entered: 07/19/2023)
10/12/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 10/12/2023)
10/16/2023		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>24</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties must submit another joint status report by January 16, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/16/2023. (lcabj2) (Entered: 10/16/2023)
01/11/2024	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 01/11/2024)
01/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>25</u> joint status report, the parties must submit another joint status report by April 16, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/11/2024. (lcabj2) (Entered: 01/11/2024)
04/11/2024	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 04/11/2024)
04/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>26</u> joint status report, it is ORDERED that the parties must submit another joint status report by July 11, 2024. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/11/2024. (lcabj2) (Entered: 04/11/2024)
07/08/2024	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 07/08/2024)
07/09/2024		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>27</u> joint status report, it is ORDERED that the parties must submit another joint status report by October 9, 2024. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 7/9/2024. (lcabj2) (Entered: 07/09/2024)