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**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT**

No. 7003 2260 0005 4600 7488

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Freedom of Information Act Office  
451 7th Street, SW, Room 10139  
Washington, D.C. 20410-3000

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request Follow-Up

Dear Sir or Madam:

On November 28, 2016, Southeastern Legal Foundation (SLF) submitted a Freedom of Information Act request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) via Certified Mail. According to the USPS Delivery Confirmation attached at Exhibit A, HUD received the Request on December 5, 2016.

As you are no doubt aware, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requires HUD to “determine within 20 days (excepting Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) after the receipt of any such request whether to comply with such request and shall immediately notify the person making such request of such determination and the reasons therefor, and of the right of such person to appeal to the head of the agency any adverse determination[.]” 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i). Pursuant to the FOIA, “[t]he 20-day period under clause (i) shall commence on the date on which the request is first received by the appropriate component of the agency, but in any event not later than ten days after the request is first received by any component of the agency that is designated in the agency’s regulations under this section to receive requests under this section.” *Id.* at § 552(a)(6)(A).

The 20-day period ran on January 4, 2017 and the 30-day period ran on January 19, 2017. Given that HUD has failed to comply with the applicable time limit provisions set forth in the FOIA, SLF is “deemed to have exhausted [its] administrative remedies.” *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(C)(i). If we do not receive a determination from HUD with respect to the Request within five business days from the date of this letter, we will be forced to seek judicial relief.

Sincerely,

  
Kimberly S. Hermann

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November 29, 2016 , 8:29 pm	In Transit to Destination	
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