

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE)	
1875 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 800)	
Washington, D.C. 20006,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-741
)	
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE)	
1400 Defense Pentagon)	
Washington, D.C. 20301,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

EXHIBIT 6 TO COMPLAINT



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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Mr. R. James Valvo, III
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Dear Mr. Valvo,

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal. We received your appeal in this office on April 29, 2016.

Due to an extremely heavy FOIA workload, we are unable to complete your appeal within the statutory time requirement. In fairness to the general public, we make every effort to treat all requesters equally. Accordingly, responses are made on a first-in, first-out, easy-hard basis, and controlled in response queues. When the appellate review of your case is complete, you will be notified by the appellate authority, the Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, of the final decision. You may direct any questions concerning this appeal to Ms. Danaeka Spear at (571) 372-0423, or danaeka.l.spear.civ@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danaeka Spear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Danaeka Spear
Chief, Appellate Office