



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

July 28, 2017

OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Austin Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Suite B255  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

The Freedom of Information Act request you filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency seeking “All emails between Scott Pruitt and Ryan Jackson (Chief of Staff), John Reeder (Deputy Chief of Staff), or Mike Flynn (Acting Deputy Administrator) from June 1, 2017, to June 15, 2017” was designated EPA-HQ-2017-008848 and assigned to the Office of the Administrator for response. The Office of the Administrator’s final response is enclosed.

The Office of the Administrator sent you an email on June 29, 2017 indicating that the EPA could not process your request given that it did not reasonably define a set of records to search. The email also provided you an opportunity to further clarify your request. I received an email on July 5, 2017 from Sara Creighton, an attorney in organization, providing no further clarification and indicating that American Oversight considers the FOIA request to reasonably define a set of records subject to search. Since the EPA cannot process your request as currently constructed, your request is being denied.

If you have any concerns, you may appeal this final response with an email to [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or by writing to the National Freedom of Information Act officer at:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building  
Records, FOIA and Privacy Branch  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Please note that correspondence mailed through only the U.S. Postal Service can be delivered to the address above. If you would like to deliver your appeal in person, via courier service or via an overnight-delivery service, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Your written appeal must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include the request number listed above. The EPA will not consider appeals received after the 90 calendar-day limit. In addition, appeals received after 5 p.m. Eastern time are considered as having been

received the next business day. For the quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email or the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek dispute-resolution services from the EPA's FOIA public liaison at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1667 or from the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of Government Information Services. You may contact the Office of Government Information Services with an email to [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); by calling toll free (877) 684-6448 or (301) 837-1996; with a fax to (301) 837-0348; or by mail to National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services, 8610 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Farren", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Victor Farren  
Attorney-Advisor