

# Exhibit E



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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RE: 2017-08-121

Mr. Austin R. Evers  
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Dear Mr. Evers:

This concerns your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to Department of the Treasury, dated August 7, 2017. You seek, records from January 20, 2017 to the date the search is concluded regarding all communications, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, information material, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials relating to potential legislation regarding the tax code exchanged between or including any members of Congress or congressional staff and any of the following:

1. the Secretary;
2. the Deputy Secretary;
3. Counselor to the Secretary Justin Muzinich;
4. the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs;
5. the Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy;
6. the Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy);
7. the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy);
8. any other political appointee or SES employee in the Office of the Secretary, the Office the Deputy Secretary, the Office of Legislative Affairs, the Office of Economic Policy, including the Office of Tax Policy (including the Office of the Tax Legislative Counsel and the Office of Benefits Tax Counsel); or
9. anyone acting on behalf of any of these individuals (such as an administrative assistants).

Upon review of your request, it is unclear what specific records you seek from Department of the Treasury. Records must be described in reasonably sufficient detail to enable government employees who are familiar with the subject area to locate records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the agency. For this reason §1.5(d) of Treasury's FOIA regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 1, Subpart A require that you describe the records in reasonably sufficient detail to enable employees who are familiar with the subject area of the request to locate the records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the Department. Whenever possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipients, timeframe and subject matter of the record.

Please resubmit your request containing a better description of the records you seek. You may do so by identifying specific members of Congress by name. Upon receipt of a perfected request, you will be advised as to the status of your request.

If we do not receive an amended request from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, September 29, 2017, we will assume you are no longer interested in this FOIA request and will consider your request withdrawn. Please be advised that this action is not a denial of your request and will not preclude you from filing other requests in the future.

You may reach me via telephone at 202-622-0930, extension 2; or via email at [TreasFOIA@treasury.gov](mailto:TreasFOIA@treasury.gov). Please reference FOIA request 2017-08-121 when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely,

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