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SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: jamila.benkato@protectdemocracy.org

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Re: **2018-HQFO-00782**

Dear Ms. Benkato:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your March 20, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), for all records, including but not limited to emails, notes, and memoranda, reflecting communications between the Department of Homeland Security and the following individuals: Donald Trump for President, The Republican National Committee, America First Action, Great America, Future 45, Brad Parscale, Michael Glassner, John Pence, Steve Bannon, Breitbart, and Fox News; or the Department of Homeland Security and employees or representatives of those listed entities, discussing or otherwise relating to the 2020 Census or the inclusion of a citizenship question in the 2020 Census; all communications, including but not limited to emails, notes, and memoranda, between the Department of Homeland Security and the Executive Office of the President, reflecting, discussing, or otherwise relating to the determination of the questions for the 2020 Census, including but not limited to emails in which the domain eop.gov is in the email address in the to, from, cc, bcc, subject, or body fields of the email; all records, including but not limited to emails, notes, and memoranda, reflecting, discussing, or otherwise relating to communications between the Department of Homeland Security and Thomas Brunell; and records describing the processing of this request, including: records sufficient to identify search terms used and locations and custodians searched, any tracking sheets used to track the processing of this request, FOIA questionnaires or certifications completed by individual custodians or components to determine whether they possess responsive materials or to describe how they conducted searches (if applicable), and any such records prepared in connection with the processing of this request. This office received your request on March 20, 2018.

As it relates to your request for a fee waiver, your request is hereby granted.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Consistent with 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt.

Although DHS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period in certain circumstances pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c). As your request seeks documents that will require a thorough and wide-ranging search, DHS will invoke a 10-day extension for your request pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c). If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

We have queried the appropriate components of DHS for responsive records. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability. Please be assured that one of the analysts in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2018-HQFO-00782**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. The status of your FOIA request is now available online and can be accessed at: <https://www.dhs.gov/foia-status>, by using this FOIA request number. Status information is updated daily. Alternatively, you can download the DHS eFOIA Mobile App, the free app is available for all Apple and Android devices. With the DHS eFOIA Mobile App, you can submit FOIA requests or check the status of requests, access all of the content on the FOIA website, and receive updates anyplace, anytime.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 1-866-431-0486 or 202-343-1743.

Sincerely,

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