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FBI
ATTN: FOIPA Request
Record/Information Dissemination Section
170 Marcel Drive
Winchester, Virginia 22602-4842

Via eFOIPA Portal

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. I represent Hawaii Firearms Coalition (HIFICO), a 501(c)(4), in this request. Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statute § 846-2.7, Hawaii has mandated inclusion of Hawaii’s firearms purchasers, registrants and owners to be included the in the FBI’s Rap Back database.¹

Because the information sought is believed to be with your agency, HIFICO hereby requests the following information:

- Any and all records, including but not limited to documents, any communications, electronic mail, letters, official requests, and correspondence from the FBI (or any sub-agency) to the State of Hawaii and/or any representative of the State of Hawaii, regarding and/or relating to Rap Back for firearm owners, possessors, and registration of firearm owners in the Rap Back system in the State of Hawaii;
- Any and all records documenting all payments from the State of Hawaii to the FBI related to firearm owner registration with Rap Back;
- Any and all records or documents regarding the FBI’s participation in the State of Hawaii’s implementation of Rap Back related to firearm owners, purchasers or registrants in the State of Hawaii; and

¹ See Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 846-2.7 (43) The county police departments on applicants for permits to acquire firearms pursuant to section 134-2 and on individuals registering their firearms pursuant to section 134-3.

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- Any and all documents regarding any policies that the FBI (or any sub-agency) possesses with regards to Hawaii's use of Rap Back for firearms owners.

HIFICO is willing to pay up to \$200 for the processing of this request. HIFICO also requests a fee waiver as these materials are greatly in the public interest and because the requested records will be distributed free of charge on the internet and will increase the public's awareness on the State of Hawaii's implementation of Rap Back for firearms owners. Additionally, this FOIA is part of HIFICO's investigation into the State of Hawaii's implementation of the Rap Back inclusion for firearm owners and is of the utmost importance to verify that the State of Hawaii is not charging firearm owners for inclusion in this Rap Back system if the State of Hawaii and the FBI have not actually implemented this system.

Pursuant to FOIA, HIFICO anticipates your response within 20 (twenty) business days. Should you require additional information, I can be contacted at 601-852-3440 or via email at stephen@sdslaw.us.

Best regards,



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cc: Hawaii Firearms Coalition