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## **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS			DEFENDANTS								
Democracy Forward Foundation			U.S. Department of Agriculture								
(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF District of Colum (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)  (c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER) Karianne M. Jones Javier M. Guzman Democracy Forward Foundation		N	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT								
1333 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20005 (2											
II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY)		III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT) FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY!									
1 U.S. Government O 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)					ated or Principal Place	PTF O 4	O 4				
Defendant (In-	dicate Citizenship of	zen of Another S	ner State O 2 O 2 Incorpo		Incorpora	ness in This State rated and Principal Place 0 5 ness in Another State		<b>O</b> 5			
Par		zen or Subject of eign Country	a <b>O</b> 3	<b>O</b> 3	Foreign 1		<b>O</b> 6	<b>O</b> 6			
IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT  (Place an X in one category, A-N, that best represents your Cause of Action and one in a corresponding Nature of Suit)											
O A. Antitrust  O B. P  M  110 Antitrust  310 Ai  315 Ai  320 As  330 Fe  340 Mi  345 Mi  355 Mi  360 Ot  362 Mi  365 Pr  367 He  Pe	rust  B. Personal Injury/ Malpractice  Tust  310 Airplane 315 Airplane Product Liability 320 Assault, Libel & Slander 330 Federal Employers Liability 340 Marine 345 Marine Product Liability 350 Motor Vehicle 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability 360 Other Personal Injury 362 Medical Malpractice 365 Product Liability 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability 368 Asbestos Product Liability		C. Administrative Agency Review  151 Medicare Act  Social Security 861 HIA (1395ff) 862 Black Lung (923) 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) 864 SSID Title XVI 865 RSI (405(g)) Other Statutes 891 Agricultural Acts 893 Environmental Matters 890 Other Statutory Actions (If Administrative Agency is Involved)				D. Temporary Restraining Order/Preliminary Injunction  Any nature of suit from any category may be selected for this category of case assignment.  *(If Antitrust, then A governs)*				
Real Property 210 Land Condemnation 220 Foreclosure 230 Rent, Lease & Ejectment 240 Torts to Land 245 Tort Product Liability 290 All Other Real Property  Personal Property 370 Other Fraud 371 Truth in Lending 380 Other Personal Property Damage 385 Property Damage Product Liability	Bankruptcy  422 Appeal 27 USC 158  423 Withdrawal 28 USC 1  Prisoner Petitions  535 Death Penalty  540 Mandamus & Other  550 Civil Rights  555 Prison Conditions  60 Civil Detainee – Cond of Confinement  Property Rights  820 Copyrights  830 Patent  835 Patent – Abbreviated Drug Application  840 Trademark	Fed  For  Stitions  Otth	Pro Se Geleral Tax Suite  870 Taxes (I defenda 871 IRS-Thi 7609  feiture/Penald 625 Drug Ro Propert 690 Other  er Statutes 375 False Cl 376 Qui Tar 3729(a)) 400 State R 430 Banks & 450 Comme Rates/et 460 Deporta	S US plaintint) rd Party Velated Sei y 21 USC aims Act n (31 USC eapportic E Banking rce/ICC c.	iff or 26 USC zure of 881	462 Naturaliza Applicatio 465 Other Imm Actions 470 Racketeer & Corrupt 480 Consumer 490 Cable/Sate 850 Securities/ Exchange 896 Arbitratio 899 Administra Act/Review Agency De 950 Constitutio Statutes 890 Other Stat (if not adm	n Influenced Organiza Credit Illite TV Commodi n ative Proc v or Appe- cision onality of S utory Act inistrative	ties/ edure al of State ions e agency			

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O G. Habeas Corpus/ 2255	O H. Employment Discrimination	O I. FOIA/Privacy Act	O J. Student Loan					
530 Habeas Corpus – General 510 Motion/Vacate Sentence 463 Habeas Corpus – Alien Detainee	442 Civil Rights – Employment (criteria: race, gender/sex, national origin, discrimination, disability, age, religion, retaliation)	895 Freedom of Information Act 890 Other Statutory Actions (if Privacy Act)	152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (excluding veterans)					
	*(If pro se, select this deck)*	*(If pro se, select this deck)*						
<ul> <li>○ K. Labor/ERISA (non-employment)</li> <li>□ 710 Fair Labor Standards Act</li> <li>□ 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations</li> <li>□ 740 Labor Railway Act</li> <li>□ 751 Family and Medical Leave Act</li> <li>□ 790 Other Labor Litigation</li> <li>□ 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act</li> </ul>	L. Other Civil Rights (non-employment)  441 Voting (if not Voting Rights Act)  443 Housing/Accommodations  440 Other Civil Rights  445 Americans w/Disabilities – Employment  446 Americans w/Disabilities – Other  448 Education	M. Contract  110 Insurance 120 Marine 130 Miller Act 140 Negotiable Instrument 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits 160 Stockholder's Suits 190 Other Contracts 195 Contract Product Liability 196 Franchise	N. Three-Judge Court  441 Civil Rights – Voting (if Voting Rights Act)					
V. ORIGIN								
O 1 Original Proceeding From State Court C								
VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.) 5 U.S.C. § 552 (Freedom of Information Act). Defendant is unlawfully withholding public records.								
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT	CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23  DEMAND JU	Check Y RY DEMAND: YES	YES only if demanded in complaint NO X					
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY	(See instruction) YES	NO X If yes, p	lease complete related case form					
DATE:5/20/19 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD/s/ Karianne M. Jones								

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET JS-44 Authority for Civil Cover Sheet

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and services of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. Listed below are tips for completing the civil cover sheet. These tips coincide with the Roman Numerals on the cover sheet.

- COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT (b) County of residence: Use 11001 to indicate plaintiff if resident of Washington, DC, 88888 if plaintiff is resident of United States but not Washington, DC, and 99999 if plaintiff is outside the United States.
- III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES: This section is completed <u>only</u> if diversity of citizenship was selected as the Basis of Jurisdiction under Section II.
- IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT: The assignment of a judge to your case will depend on the category you select that best represents the <u>primary</u> cause of action found in your complaint. You may select only <u>one</u> category. You <u>must</u> also select <u>one</u> corresponding nature of suit found under the category of the case.
- VI. CAUSE OF ACTION: Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of the primary cause.
- VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY: If you indicated that there is a related case, you must complete a related case form, which may be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

Because of the need for accurate and complete information, you should ensure the accuracy of the information provided prior to signing the form.