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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Office of the Secretary

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Washington, D.C. 20201

Ref: 2020-00010-A-PHS FDA FOIA # 2016-1341

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Dear Ms. DeWitt:

This is in response to your October 30, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal, concerning the failure of a timely response by the FDA to the request referenced above, submitted by you on February 8, 2016.

Because the actions necessary to complete your initial request are yet to be accomplished, I am remanding this request back to FDA for completion. Once FDA issues their final response, you will receive appeal rights for any possible denials.

This action will close your appeal and allow the necessary, remaining processes to take place in response to your initial request. FDA has placed your request in the complex processing queue and estimates that your request will be completed by November of 2020. We will, however, monitor the progress of this request.

If you would like to discuss our response, you may contact the HHS FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

HHS FOIA Public Liaison U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Room 729H 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20201

Telephone: (202) 690-7453

E-mail: HHS FOIA Public Liaison@hhs.gov

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers

mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road–OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001

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You have the right to judicial review of this action in a United States District Court in accordance with 5 USC § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely yours,

Brandon J. Gaylord

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