

EXHIBIT 16



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RE: DHS FOIA APPEAL 2020-HQAP-00122

Dear Ms. Hartz:

This letter concerns your appeal of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Final Response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2019-HQFO-00679 (designated as 2020-HQAP-00122 on appeal). On May 7, 2020, the undersigned issued a letter remanding the request to DHS for additional processing. The deadline to process the request has passed, and DHS failed to provide undersigned with any additional information requested.

Accordingly, this letter constitutes final action of the Department of Homeland Security concerning your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2019-HQFO-00679 (designated as 2020-HQAP-00122 on appeal). Accordingly, you may now pursue the appeal in United States District Court. You may seek judicial review of this decision pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B) in United States District Court for either: (1) the district where you reside; (2) the district where the agency records are situated; or (3) the District of Columbia.

As part of the 2007 FOIA amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may email them at ogis@nara.gov or call 1-877-684-6448.

Sincerely,

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