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FOIA Officer
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FOIA REQUEST

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, I request access to and copies of the following records:

+ Records concerning and detailing all travel by your agency's employees paid for by any private source, entity, person or organization since Jan. 1, 2011 to the present day, including any records that indicate the name of the employee or employees who travelled; the private source, entity, person or organization funding the trip; the dates of the travel, the reason of the trip; the itinerary of the trip or any accounting of what happened on the trip; and records pertaining to the means of transportation, such as plane, car or ship tickets.

Requestor wishes to stipulate that she is not requesting access to the employees' home addresses, Social Security numbers, home telephone numbers, benefits information, or other information confidential under law.

I would like to receive the information in the following format: electronic.

If the information is maintained in a data format, such as a spreadsheet or database, I request it be provided to me in a delimited text, machine-readable format, such as .csv (comma-separated values), tab-delimited or .dbf, or other format that can be easily read by programs such as Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access or MySQL, if the information is stored in such a format or can be exported in such a format. I also request access to the "record layout" or "data layout" of any data files provided to me (a file that explains in plain English what the column headers mean) along with a "data dictionary" or "code sheet" that explains the meanings of any codes in the data file, along with any metadata that accompanies the file.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on the efficiency of various federal government agencies that is of current interest to the public because government must use public tax dollars wisely. This information is being sought on behalf of The Washington (DC) Examiner newspaper for dissemination to the general public. Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

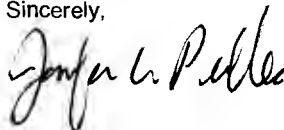
If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Jennifer L. Peebles

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