

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY	)	
AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 1:21-cv-572 (RC)
	)	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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**NOTICE OF FILING OF MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE CASES**

Defendants respectfully notify the Court that today, April 14, 2021, the U.S. Department of Justice moved to consolidate this case with *Leopold v. DOJ*, No. 1:21-cv-558 (APM) (D.D.C.), and *American Oversight v. DOD*, No. 1:21-cv-624 (RDM) (D.D.C.), two other cases that involve overlapping Freedom of Information Act requests. The motion to consolidate is attached as Exhibit 1 to this Notice. *See also* Def.’s Mot. to Consolidate Cases, *Leopold v. DOJ*, No. 1:21-cv-558 (APM) (D.D.C.), ECF No. 11.

Under Local Civil Rule 40.5(d), “Motions to consolidate cases assigned to different judges of this Court shall be heard and determined by the judge to whom the earlier-numbered case is assigned”—here, by Judge Mehta in *Leopold*. Consistent with Local Rule 7(m), Defendants’ counsel conferred with opposing counsel in this case, who stated that Plaintiffs oppose consolidation.

Dated: April 14, 2021

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