

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND  
ETHICS IN WASHINGTON**

1101 K Street, NW, Suite 201  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Plaintiff,

v.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE**

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Defendant.

Civ. Action No. 1:19-cv-03626 (DLF)

**NOTICE**

On July 1, 2021, the Attorney General directed a review of the Department of Justice’s policies and procedures regarding the administration of existing federal laws governing capital sentences, and imposed a moratorium on federal executions during the pendency of that review. After considering how these developments affect the issues in this case, the Department has determined that it will no longer rely on Exemption 7(A) to withhold records or portions of records in this case. *See* Mem. Supp. Def.’s MSJ at 17-27, ECF No. 17-1; Reply Mem. Supp. Def.’s MSJ at 7-10, ECF No. 22. However, the Department’s withdrawal of its application of Exemption 7(A) does not require any additional disclosures since all of the records or portions of records that the Department previously withheld pursuant to Exemption 7(A) remain properly withheld under other

FOIA exemptions. *See generally* Christenson Decl., Ex. F (BOP Vaughn Index), ECF No. 17-4; Brinkmann Decl., Ex. F (OIP Vaughn Index), ECF No. 17-6.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I filed the foregoing Notice with the Clerk of the Court through the ECF system on July 23, 2021. This system provided a copy to and effected service of this document on all parties.

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