

Exhibit E



Alert CREW <[REDACTED]>

Department of Education FOIA Acknowledgment Letter - 25-01633-F (ACTION REQUIRED)

CREW FOIA <foia@citizensforethics.org>
To: "Barcenas, Alberto" <edfoiamanager@ed.gov>

Mon, Feb 10, 2025 at 3:46 PM

Dear Department of Education FOIA Manager:

We are in receipt of your email dated December 20, 2024. While CREW believes this FOIA request is reasonable and satisfies both FOIA and applicable federal regulations, in the interest of time and efficiency, we are providing more information to you in response to your email.

In response to your request that we provide "email addresses of the parties" referenced in our request who are not ED personnel, sufficient information to do so is not publicly available, but we believe that our request provides sufficient information for your office to practically and reasonably search for records. With regard to additional individuals who are not named but "represent, work for, or communicate on behalf of" the persons and groups named in the request, CREW's request can be limited to a search for responsive documents involving those who have represented to ED that they "represent, work for, or communicate on behalf of" those persons and groups. We further note that with respect to searches for communications with Senator Ernst and her office, each of her staffers' email address domains is @ernst.senate.gov.

We do note, however, that the "communications" we seek are not limited to emails or documents transmitted by email; rather, the term "communications" includes emails, notes and transcripts of calls, voicemails and voicemail transcriptions, text messages, messages on signal and other applications, faxes, letters, and other media used by ED to record its communications.

With respect to your request to identify "recipient ED custodians/offices," CREW requests that you search for responsive communications from the following list of offices:

- Office of the Secretary
- White House Initiatives
- Office of the Deputy Secretary
- Office of the Under Secretary
- Office of Finance and Operations
- Office of the Chief Information Office
- Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs
- Office for Civil Rights
- Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development
- Office of the General Counsel

In response to your request for "key terms or subject matter of the correspondence," please search all records of the previous offices for mentions of the following search terms:

- Elon
- Musk
- Vivek
- Ramaswamy
- Antonio Gracias

- Will McGinley
- William McGinley
- Bill McGinley
- Steve Davis
- Department of Government Efficiency
- DOGE
- Delivering Outstanding Government Efficiency
- Government Efficiency Commission
- Taylor Greene
- Ernst
- Katie Miller
- Brad Smith
- Matt Luby
- Joanna Wischer
- Rachel Riley
- Chris Gober
- Steve Roberts
- Emil Michael
- Baris Akis
- James Burnham
- James Fishback
- Marc Andreessen

Our proposal of search terms is based on our current understanding of DOGE and may require some modification based on new information that reaches the public.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or if you think it would be helpful to schedule a call to discuss this request.

Sincerely,

Jordan

On Fri, Jan 3, 2025 at 1:00 PM Alert CREW <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for your email. We are looking into your request, and I will respond as soon as I have an answer.

Thank you,

Jordan

On Fri, Dec 20, 2024 at 12:07 PM Barcenas, Alberto <edfoiamanager@ed.gov> wrote:

Good day,

Please find attached the acknowledgment to your Department of Education FOIA request, 25-01633-F. Please be aware that supplemental information is needed in order to process your request.

Regards,
ED FOIA Manager



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