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Documents Released in Full	0
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The Civil Rights Division relied on Exemptions 5, 6, 7(A), 7(C), 7(E), and 7(F) to protect information, on its behalf and on behalf of other agencies or offices. *See* 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F).

All DOJ components that received consultations have completed their reviews in compliance with the Court's order for them to process at least 1000 pages per week. No further consultation requests are outstanding with a DOJ component. This interim response includes records consulted outside of DOJ except for 22 pages; of those, 9 pages remain on consultation with another agency and 13 pages were recently returned to CRT and are being prepared for a final disposition. As the Division has processed more than 15,000 pages of responsive records since March 24, 2026, we remain well within the 1000 pages per week pace set by the Court.

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CREW v. DOJ - CRT - 000020	CREW v. DOJ - CRT - 000030	SAVE MOA	11	WIF	(b)(6), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002859	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002861	RE: DOJ Request to [REDACTED]	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6)	6/25/2025 15:21	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Osete, Jesus (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002862	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002863	RE: DOJ Request to [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	6/18/2025 15:23	Osete, Jesus (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT); Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT); Zandi, Matt (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002864	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002865	RE: DOJ Request to [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	6/18/2025 15:28	Osete, Jesus (CRT)	DHS HQ OGC	Gates, Michael (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002866	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002866	Re: [REDACTED]	1	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6)	6/30/2025 15:27	Osete, Jesus (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Zandi, Matt (CRT); Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002867	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002868	Re: [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	6/30/2025 14:51	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Wall, Charles (DHS ICE); DHS HQ OGC; DHS HQ; Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002869	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002870	Re: [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	7/1/2025 10:14	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	DHS ICE Senior Advisor	Gates, Michael (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002871	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002871	Re: [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/1/2025 9:19	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT); DHS ICE Senior Advisor	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002872	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002872	Re: [REDACTED]	1	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	7/1/2025 7:25	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002873	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002874	[EXTERNAL] RE: connecting	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	7/7/2025 16:38	Wall, Charles (DHS ICE)	DHS HQ OGC; Davis, Nick (ODAG)	Gates, Michael (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002875	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002875	[EXTERNAL] Re: connecting	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/7/2025 16:31	DHS HQ OGC	Davis, Nick (ODAG); Wall, Charles (DHS ICE)	Gates, Michael (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002876	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002876	RE: connecting	1	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	7/1/2025 12:00	Gates, Michael (CRT)	DHS HQ OGC	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002877	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002877	RE: connecting	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/7/2025 11:42	Davis, Nick (ODAG)	DHS HQ OGC	Gates, Michael (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002878	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002879	RE: [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/2/2025 9:29	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Riordan, Maureen (CRT); DHS USCIS Acting Chief; DHS ICE Senior Advisor	Neff, Katie (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002880	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002881	RE: [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/2/2025 9:32	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	DHS USCIS Acting Chief; DHS ICE Senior Advisor	Gates, Michael (CRT); Neff, Katie (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002882	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002883	RE: [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/2/2025 9:26	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002884	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002884	RE: [REDACTED]	1	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/2/2025 9:25	Gates, Michael (CRT)	DHS ICE Senior Advisor; Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	DHS USCIS Acting Chief
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002885	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002885	[EXTERNAL] DOJ /[REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/2/2025 9:26	DHS USCIS Acting Chief	DHS USCIS; DHS USCIS; Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002886	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002887	FW: DOJ /[REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/2/2025 9:32	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT); Neff, Katie (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002888	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002888	DOJ /[REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/2/2025 9:32	DHS USCIS Acting Chief	DHS USCIS Acting Chief; Gates, Michael (CRT); Neff, Katie (CRT); DHS USCIS; DHS USCIS; Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002889	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002889	DOJ /[REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/2/2025 9:32	DHS USCIS Acting Chief	DHS USCIS Acting Chief; Gates, Michael (CRT); Neff, Katie (CRT); DHS USCIS; DHS USCIS; Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	
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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002891	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002891	DOJ /[REDACTED]	1	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/2/2025 9:26	DHS USCIS Acting Chief	DHS USCIS Acting Chief; DHS USCIS; DHS USCIS; Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002892	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002892	Accepted: DOJ /[REDACTED]	1	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/2/2025 9:32	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	DHS USCIS Acting Chief	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002893	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002893	Accepted: DOJ /[REDACTED]	1	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/2/2025 9:35	Neff, Katie (CRT)	DHS USCIS Acting Chief	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002894	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002894	Accepted: DOJ /[REDACTED]	1	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/2/2025 9:39	Gates, Michael (CRT)	DHS USCIS Acting Chief	

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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002899	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002902	[EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ [REDACTED]	4	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/16/2025 8:53	DHS USCIS Acting Chief	Buchko, John (CRT)	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002903	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002906	Re: DOJ [REDACTED]	4	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	8/11/2025 9:45	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Buchko, John (CRT); Neff, Katie (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002907	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002909	FW: DOJ [REDACTED]	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	8/11/2025 11:03	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Zandi, Matt (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002910	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002912	RE: DOJ [REDACTED]	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/8/2025 12:22	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	DHS USCIS Acting Chief; DHS USCIS attorney; Gates, Michael (CRT)	Neff, Katie (CRT); DHS USCIS; DHS USCIS
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002913	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002915	FW: DOJ [REDACTED]	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6)	8/11/2025 10:43	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Osete, Jesus (CRT)	Zandi, Matt (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002916	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002918	FW: DOJ [REDACTED]	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6)	8/11/2025 10:43	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Osete, Jesus (CRT)	Zandi, Matt (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002919	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002921	[EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ [REDACTED]	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/8/2025 10:57	DHS USCIS attorney	Riordan, Maureen (CRT); DHS USCIS Acting Chief; Gates, Michael (CRT)	Neff, Katie (CRT); DHS USCIS; DHS USCIS
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002922	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002923	RE: DOJ [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/8/2025 10:37	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002924	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002925	FW: DOJ [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	8/11/2025 11:04	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Zandi, Matt (CRT)	
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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002927	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002927	FW: DOJ [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/8/2025 10:36	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002928	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002928	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)				
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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002930	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002930	FW: DOJ [REDACTED]	1	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/8/2025 9:06	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	
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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002932	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002932	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002933	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002935	RE: [EXTERNAL] Link to [REDACTED]	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6)	7/18/2025 10:12	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002936	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002938	RE: [EXTERNAL] Link to [REDACTED]	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/15/2025 16:44	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Buchko, John (CRT)	
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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002940	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002940	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002941	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002945	Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] Information	5	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/31/2025 9:46	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Buchko, John (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002946	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002950	Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] Information	5	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6)	8/5/2025 10:19	Buchko, John (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002951	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002951	FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] Information	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	8/11/2025 11:01	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Zandi, Matt (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002952	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002952	RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] Information	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	8/1/2025 11:43	Buchko, John (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT); Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	
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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002958	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002962	FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] Information	5	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6)	8/1/2025 8:59	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Buchko, John (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002963	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002965	FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] Information	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	7/24/2025 18:12	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002966	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002966	[EXTERNAL] [REDACTED] Information	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/18/2025 12:26	DHS USCIS	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	
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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002968	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002969	Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Link to [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/15/2025 11:01	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	DHS USCIS; Gates, Michael (CRT); Neff, Katie (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002970	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002971	RE: [EXTERNAL] Complete [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	7/16/2025 10:31	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002972	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002972	FW: [EXTERNAL] Complete [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/16/2025 9:37	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Neff, Katie (CRT)
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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002975	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002978	Re: facilitating [REDACTED]	4	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	7/22/2025 9:58	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002979	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002981	Re: facilitating [REDACTED]	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(E)	7/18/2025 12:21	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Hayes, Chris (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002982	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002983	RE: facilitating [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6)	7/18/2025 10:38	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Gates, Michael (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002984	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002984	[EXTERNAL] RE: facilitating [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/18/2025 10:29	Wall, Charles (DHS ICE)	Gates, Michael (CRT)	
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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002986	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002987	RE: coordinating [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/22/2025 9:33	Davis, Nick (ODAG)	Gates, Michael (CRT); DHS USCIS Acting Chief	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002988	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002989	coordinating [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/22/2025 9:33	Davis, Nick (ODAG)	Davis, Nick (ODAG); DHS USCIS Acting Chief; Gates, Michael (CRT)	DHS USCIS attorney
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002990	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002991	coordinating [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/22/2025 9:33	Davis, Nick (ODAG)	Davis, Nick (ODAG); DHS USCIS Acting Chief; Gates, Michael (CRT); Hayden, Paul (CRM)	DHS USCIS attorney
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002992	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002992	coordinating [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/22/2025 9:33	Davis, Nick (ODAG)	Davis, Nick (ODAG); DHS USCIS Acting Chief; Gates, Michael (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002993	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002993	coordinating [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/22/2025 9:33	Davis, Nick (ODAG)	Davis, Nick (ODAG); DHS USCIS Acting Chief; Gates, Michael (CRT)	
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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002995	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 002996	RE: Request for Guidance on [REDACTED] – DOJ/Civil Rights Division	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	8/8/2025 10:55	Oliver, Brent (CRT)	DHS USCIS	DHS USCIS; Gates, Michael (CRT); Neff, Katie (CRT); Riordan, Maureen (CRT)
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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003007	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003007	FW: [REDACTED] Check-In	1	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	8/19/2025 15:24	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Davis, Nick (ODAG); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG); Buchko, John (CRT)	Osete, Jesus (CRT); Zandi, Matt (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003008	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003008	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003009	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003009	FW: Weekly [REDACTED]	1	WIF	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E); (b)(7)(F)	8/25/2025 18:47	Davis, Nick (ODAG)	Mehr, Benjamin (OASG); Gates, Michael (CRT); Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003010	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003011	RE: Weekly [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	9/2/2025 17:54	Davis, Nick (ODAG)	Mehr, Benjamin (OASG); Osete, Jesus (CRT); Gates, Michael (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003012	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003012	FW: Weekly [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	9/2/2025 16:43	Davis, Nick (ODAG)	Mehr, Benjamin (OASG); Osete, Jesus (CRT); Gates, Michael (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003013	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003014	[EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] the EO on Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Election	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	9/4/2025 10:17	DHS HQ Senior Advisor	Gates, Michael (CRT); Geissler, Jonas (CRT)	Meymarian, Maryellen (DHS HQ); Newman, Emily (DHS HQ)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003015	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003015	[EXTERNAL] [REDACTED] CRT acquired voter registration lists	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	9/4/2025 11:59	Sikma, James B..Jr. (EOP/WHO)	Tobitsch, Kerianne (DHS HQ); Davis, Nick (ODAG); Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG)	Cline, Kevin (EOP/WHO); Bunting, Luke (EOP/WHO); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG); Gates, Michael (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003016	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003016	RE: [REDACTED] CRT acquired voter registration lists	1	WIF	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	9/12/2025 11:02	Mehr, Benjamin (OASG)	Sikma, James B..Jr. (EOP/WHO); Tobitsch, Kerianne (DHS HQ); Davis, Nick (ODAG); Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG)	Cline, Kevin (EOP/WHO); Bunting, Luke (EOP/WHO); Gates, Michael (CRT)

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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003017	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003017	RE: [REDACTED] CRT acquired voter registration lists	1	WIF	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	9/12/2025 11:05	Gates, Michael (CRT)	Sikma, James B..Jr. (EOP/WHO)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003018	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003018	[EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] CRT acquired voter registration lists	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	9/12/2025 10:56	Tobitsch, Kerianne (DHS HQ)	Sikma, James B..Jr. (EOP/WHO); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG); Davis, Nick (ODAG); Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG)	Cline, Kevin (EOP/WHO); Bunting, Luke (EOP/WHO); Gates, Michael (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003019	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003019	[EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] CRT acquired voter registration lists	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	9/12/2025 10:51	Sikma, James B..Jr. (EOP/WHO)	Tobitsch, Kerianne (DHS HQ); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG); Davis, Nick (ODAG); Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG)	Cline, Kevin (EOP/WHO); Bunting, Luke (EOP/WHO); Gates, Michael (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003020	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003020	[EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] CRT acquired voter registration lists	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	9/5/2025 15:40	Tobitsch, Kerianne (DHS HQ)	Mehr, Benjamin (OASG); Sikma, James B..Jr. (EOP/WHO); Davis, Nick (ODAG); Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG)	Cline, Kevin (EOP/WHO); Bunting, Luke (EOP/WHO); Gates, Michael (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003021	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003021	[EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] CRT acquired voter registration lists	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	9/5/2025 15:10	Tobitsch, Kerianne (DHS HQ)	Sikma, James B..Jr. (EOP/WHO); Davis, Nick (ODAG); Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG)	Cline, Kevin (EOP/WHO); Bunting, Luke (EOP/WHO); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG); Gates, Michael (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003022	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003022	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003023	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003023	RE: [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	11/19/2025 15:22	Pettit, Lanora (OLC)	Osete, Jesus (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003024	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003024	FW: [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	1/9/2026 14:02	Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	Tucker, James T. (CRT); Neff, Eric (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003025	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003028	RE: [REDACTED] Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division	4	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	12/3/2025 10:39	Neff, Eric (CRT)	Osete, Jesus (CRT); Riordan, Maureen (CRT); Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003029	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003031	RE: [REDACTED] Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6)	12/3/2025 10:33	Neff, Eric (CRT)	Osete, Jesus (CRT); Riordan, Maureen (CRT); Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003032	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003034	RE: [REDACTED] Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division (1:00 pm meeting)	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	12/3/2025 12:12	Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	DHS USCIS Associate Counsel; Neff, Eric (CRT); Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003035	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003037	NOTES[REDACTED] Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division (1:00 pm meeting)	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	12/3/2025 13:25	Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	Neff, Eric (CRT); Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003038	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003040	[EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	12/3/2025 11:04	DHS USCIS Associate Counsel	Neff, Eric (CRT); Riordan, Maureen (CRT); Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003041	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003043	RE: [REDACTED] Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6)	12/3/2025 10:32	Neff, Eric (CRT)	Riordan, Maureen (CRT); Osete, Jesus (CRT); Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003044	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003046	RE: [REDACTED] Check-In	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	12/3/2025 16:41	Zandi, Matt (CRT)	Braniff, Andrew (CRT); Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Neff, Eric (CRT); Osete, Jesus (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003047	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003049	Re: CUREENT HEARING IN PROGRESS NEED UPDATE	3	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	12/4/2025 18:21	Neff, Eric (CRT)	Braniff, Andrew (CRT); DHS USCIS Deputy Associate Director; DHS USCIS Acting Chief	DHS USCIS Associate Counsel
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003050	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003051	RE: [REDACTED] Check-In	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	1/9/2026 12:35	Neff, Eric (CRT)	Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003052	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003053	FW: [REDACTED] Check-In	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	1/9/2026 11:40	Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	Neff, Eric (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003054	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003054	FW: [REDACTED] Check-In	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	12/3/2025 16:08	Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	Riordan, Maureen (CRT); Zandi, Matt (CRT)	Neff, Eric (CRT); Osete, Jesus (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003055	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003055	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003056	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003057	RE: [REDACTED] Check-In	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	12/3/2025 17:44	Davis, Nick (ODAG)	Braniff, Andrew (CRT); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG)	Zandi, Matt (CRT); Neff, Eric (CRT); Riordan, Maureen (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003058	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003059	[EXTERNAL] RE: CUREENT HEARING IN PROGRESS NEED UPDATE	2	RIP	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	12/4/2025 16:46	DHS USCIS Deputy Associate Director	Braniff, Andrew (CRT); DHS USCIS Acting Chief; Neff, Eric (CRT)	DHS USCIS Associate Counsel
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003060	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003061	[EXTERNAL] RE: [REDACTED] Check-In	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	12/8/2025 10:59	DHS USCIS Acting Chief	Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	DHS USCIS Associate Counsel; DHS USCIS Deputy Associate Director; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG); Davis, Nick (ODAG); Zandi, Matt (CRT); Osete, Jesus (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003062	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003062	FW: [REDACTED] Check-In	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	1/9/2026 11:41	Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	Neff, Eric (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003063	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003063	FW: [REDACTED] Check-In	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	12/3/2025 16:53	Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	Davis, Nick (ODAG); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG)	Zandi, Matt (CRT); Neff, Eric (CRT); Riordan, Maureen (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003064	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003064	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				

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CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003065	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003065	Deliberative Process Privilege - Election Team Meeting Follow Up	1	WIF	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	12/4/2025 12:21	Osete, Jesus (CRT)	Sikma, B. James (WHO/EOP)	Wasserman, Daniel F. (WHO/EOP); Bunting, Luke (WHO/EOP); Bresso, Gineen M. (WHO/EOP); Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT); Braniff, Andrew (CRT); Cline, Kevin (WHO/EOP); Neff, Eric (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003066	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003067	RE: DOJ/[REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6)	12/4/2025 16:55	Osete, Jesus (CRT)	Braniff, Andrew (CRT); Zandi, Matt (CRT)	Riordan, Maureen (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003068	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003068	RE: DOJ [REDACTED]	1	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	1/13/2026 8:40	Neff, Eric (CRT)	Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003069	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003069	FW: DOJ [REDACTED]	1	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	1/9/2026 17:06	Braniff, Andrew (CRT)	Neff, Eric (CRT)	Osete, Jesus (CRT)
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003070	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003070	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003071	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003071	RE: DOJ [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/8/2025 11:26		DHS USCIS attorney; DHS USCIS Acting Chief, Gates, Michael (CRT)	Neff, Katie (CRT); DHS USCIS; DHS USCIS
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003072	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003073	RE: DOJ [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/9/2025 7:18		DHS USCIS Acting Chief, Gates, Michael (CRT)	Neff, Katie (CRT); DHS USCIS; DHS USCIS; DHS USCIS attorney
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003074	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003074	RE: [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/2/2025 9:29		Riordan, Maureen (CRT); DHS USCIS Acting Chief, DHS ICE Senior Advisor	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003075	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003075	FW: DOJ [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/8/2025 9:05			
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003076	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003076	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003077	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003077	RE: DOJ [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/8/2025 9:44		DHS USCIS Acting Chief, Riordan, Maureen (CRT)	Neff, Katie (CRT); DHS USCIS; DHS USCIS
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003078	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003078	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003079	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003079	FW: DOJ [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/8/2025 10:36			
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003080	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003080	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003081	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003082	RE: DOJ [REDACTED]	2	RIP	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)	7/9/2025 9:25		Riordan, Maureen (CRT); DHS USCIS Acting Chief	Neff, Katie (CRT); DHS USCIS; DHS USCIS; DHS USCIS attorney
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003083	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003083	FW: [EXTERNAL] Link to [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/15/2025 11:23			
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003084	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003084	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003085	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003085	FW: [EXTERNAL] Link to [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	7/15/2025 11:24			
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003086	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003086	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003087	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003087	FW: [EXTERNAL] Link to [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	8/11/2025 9:33		Osete, Jesus (CRT)	
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003088	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003088	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003089	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003089	FW: [EXTERNAL] Link to [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	8/11/2025 9:34			
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003090	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003090	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003091	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003091	FW: DOJ [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	8/11/2025 9:55			
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003092	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003092	MOA between USCIS and a state	1	WIF	(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003093	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003093	MOA between USCIS and a state	1	WIF	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003094	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003094	FW: DOJ [REDACTED]	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	8/11/2025 10:43			
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003095	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003095	FW: [REDACTED] Check-In	1	WIF	Other-duplicate	8/19/2025 15:23			
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003096	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003096	MOA (draft)	1	WIF	Other-duplicate				
CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003097	CREW v. DOJ – CRT – 003097	Draft Flow Chart 8.9.25.docx	1	WIF	(b)(5)				

WIF PER (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 6/30/2025 6:51:52 PM
To: Wall, Charles (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thank you, Charles! (b)(5)

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Wall, Charles <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 2:50 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5)

On it.

Charles Wall
Principal Legal Advisor
Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Date: Monday, Jun 30, 2025 at 2:08 PM
To: Wall, Charles (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(6)
Subject: (b)(5)

Charlie,

Please work with Michael and Maureen to get civil rights division at DOJ (b)(5)
(b)(5) If you're not the guy, remind me who is. Thanks.

S/f,

-Joseph

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 8/11/2025 5:00:29 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6); Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

As I recall, (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 12:51 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

Michael,

I talked to John earlier today and he didn't know the answer.

(b)(5)

Thanks,

Ben

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 12:42 PM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

Excellent. Thank you.

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

I am happy to discuss more.

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Cell: (b)(6)

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 12:39 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

Thanks, Michael. This is helpful information.

(b)(5)

It's my understanding that (b)(5)
(b)(5)

(b)(5)

If it's easier to have a phone call, I'm free most of the day except 2pm. Can also make tomorrow afternoon work.

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 10:06 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

BTW, there were phone calls with (b)(5) I can fill you in on the background.

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT)
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:56 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: DOJ (b)(5)

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT)

Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 9:26 AM

To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Subject: RE: DOJ

(b)(5)

Please refer to attached with some errors corrected. Thank you.

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Cell: (b)(6)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 7:20 AM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Gates, Michael (CRT)

(b)(6)

Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Subject: RE: DOJ

(b)(5)

Good morning, all. Attached is (b)(5).

Former was incorrect.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:32 AM

To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>

(b)(6)

Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ

(b)(5)

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duplicate in Bates pages 002899-002902

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/15/2025 8:44:31 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Link to (b)(5)

John I'm forwarding to Michael. (b)(5)
for us.

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division

(b)(6)

From: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 4:44:01 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Link to (b)(5)

(b)(5)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 3:59 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Link to (b)(5)

Hi John, yes; (b)(5)

(b)(5)

From: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 3:56 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Link to (b)(5)

Maureen,

(b)(5)

John

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 11:25 AM
To: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Buchko, John (CRT)

<(b)(6)>

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Link to (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Cell: (b)(6)

From: (b)(5)

<(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>

Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 3:02 PM

To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Link to (b)(5)

Good Afternoon,

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

We hope this helps. If you have any questions about (b)(5), please email (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Best Regards,

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(5)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 7/31/2025 1:46:05 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) Information

I'm still out but no worries!

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division
[(b)(6)]

From: Buchko, John (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 9:45:30 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) Information

Aren't you still out?!?! Sorry there have been so many intrusions on your vacation.

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 9:45 AM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) Information

No. But I've been out so I'll reach out to her.
Thx

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division
[(b)(6)]

From: Buchko, John (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 9:43:28 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) Information

Maureen,

[(b)(5)]

John

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 9:42 AM

To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) information

(b)(5)

Thx

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division

(b)(6)

From: (b)(5) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 9:39:46 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) information

Hello Maureen,

I just wanted to check in to see if you had a chance to (b)(5)

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(5) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: 7/23/2025 2:18 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Information

Hello Maureen,

I just wanted to check in to see if you had a chance to (b)(5)

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(5) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: 7/15/2025 1:27 PM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: (b)(5) Information

Greetings,

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

----- Original Message -----

From: Riordan, Maureen [(b)(6)]

Sent: 7/15/2025 11:05 AM

To: [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Link to [(b)(5)]

You don't often get email from [(b)(6)]. Learn why this is

(b)(5), (b)(6)

From: [(b)(5)] [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 11:00 AM

To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)] Gates, Michael (CRT)

<[(b)(6)]>; Neff, Katie (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Link to [(b)(5)]

Good Morning,

(b)(5)

[(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]

----- Original Message -----

From: [(b)(5)] [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)] <mailto:[(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]>

Sent: 7/9/2025 3:02 PM

To: [(b)(6)] <mailto:[(b)(6)]>

[(b)(6)] <mailto:[(b)(6)]>;

[(b)(6)] <mailto:[(b)(6)]>

Subject: Link to [(b)(5)]

Good Afternoon,

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Best Regards,

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(5)

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From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/22/2025 1:33:05 PM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: coordinating (b)(5)
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: 7/24/2025 7:00:00 PM
End: 7/24/2025 7:30:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy

Required Attendees: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) Gates, Michael (CRT)
Optional Attendees: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

For organizers: [Meeting options](#) | [Reset dial-in PIN](#)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 8:03 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: coordinating (b)(5)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 6/25/2025 7:21:25 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DOJ Request to (b)(5)

Gotcha

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6) >
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:21 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6) >
Subject: Re: DOJ Request to Connect with (b)(5)
(b)(5)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6) <>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:19:32 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6) <>
Subject: RE: DOJ Request to (b)(5)
(b)(5)

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6) >
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:16 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6) >
Subject: Re: DOJ Request to Connect with (b)(5)
(b)(5)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6) <>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:00:56 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6) <>
Subject: RE: DOJ Request to (b)(5)
Jesus, (b)(5)

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Cell: (b)(6)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT)

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 3:22 PM

To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: DOJ Request to (b)(5)

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
<(b)(6)>
Sent: 6/18/2025 7:23:33 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: DOJ Request to <(b)(5)>

Alright I'll contact JM and loop you in as needed. Thanks.



Jesus A. Osete
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 3:22 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: DOJ Request to <(b)(5)>

(b)(5)

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: <(b)(6)>

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:42 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Fw: DOJ Request to <(b)(5)>

Gates: see below; we now have <(b)(5)> Can you please let me know in writing what specifically <(b)(5)>

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:40:14 AM
To: <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)> Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)> <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: DOJ Request to (b)(5)

Thank you so much, Mr. Secretary.

We'll follow up with your GC under separate cover.

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:38:23 AM
To: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) (b)(6); Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DOJ Request to (b)(5)

Jesus and Harmeet, connecting you with Joe Mazarra, DHS General Counsel.

You all had mentioned potential (b)(5)
(b)(5) Please continue the conversation, and feel free to take me off the chain.

(b)(5)
Thanks,

Joseph Alm
Acting Assistant Secretary, Trade and Economic Security
Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans (PLCY)
Department of Homeland Security
(o) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(c) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Office (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) St. Elizabeth's Campus

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 6/18/2025 7:28:22 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
CC: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DOJ Request to (b)(5)

Hi Joe,

Great to meet you (by e-mail). Your name sounds familiar. Where you at the TXAG? I worked very closely with Aaron Reitz, Ryan Walters, etc. on many anti-Biden suits.

My colleague and DAAG, Michael Gates, who heads CRT's Voting Section, is working on an election integrity project. He can tell you more about the project but the upshot is that he wanted to know (b)(5)
(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Happy to discuss further if you'd like. Thanks!



Jesus A. Osete
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6) >
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:40 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) (b)(6); Mazzara, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: DOJ Request to (b)(5)

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 6/30/2025 7:27:42 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

Outstanding!!!

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 2:09:21 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT); [(b)(6)]>
Cc: Zandi, Matt (CRT); [(b)(6)]>
Subject: FW: (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thank you!

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: [(b)(6)]

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From: Riordan, Maureen (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 7/1/2025 2:14:33 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
CC: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

I can!
My number is (b)(6) Talk then!

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 10:12 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5)

Maureen,
Good morning. Sounds great. Can you do a 1pm call? If so, just let me know a good number to reach you. Thanks.

Regards,
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Senior Advisor
Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement
Cell: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 9:20 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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H (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) available to speak anytime today except 11 am. I have a meeting at that time. Thank you!

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 9:18 AM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thank you, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) es, Maureen, our Acting Chief of the Voting Section here as primary, and me, DAAG of Civil Rights as secondary. Both here to assist and coordinate. Much appreciated.

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Cell: (b)(6)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 5:49 PM

To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] (b)(5)

Good afternoon,

I was asked to reach out to see to (b)(5)
Please let me know if there is a good POC for me to contact to try to get some additional follow-up information, so we can figure where you should go. Thanks.

Regards,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Senior Advisor

Office of the Principal Legal Advisor

U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement

Cell: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 7/1/2025 11:25:18 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: (b)(5)

Do you want me to reach out?

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 5:49 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] (b)(5)

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From: Wall, Charles (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: 7/7/2025 8:38:03 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
CC: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: connecting

Nick

(b)(5)

. Happy to discuss whenever.

Charlie

Charles Wall
Principal Legal Advisor
Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Date: Monday, Jul 07, 2025 at 4:31 PM
To: (b)(6); Wall, Charles (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: connecting

Charlie Wall is your guy to work this out. Thanks.

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 11:42:12 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: connecting

This email is from an external US Government agency.

Hi, Joseph – following up on this. Thanks

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 11:51 AM
To: (b)(6)

Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)

Subject: connecting

Joseph – It's my understanding that there is (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thanks,
Nick

Nick Davis
Counsel
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
Department of Justice

(b)(6)



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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 7/1/2025 4:00:33 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: connecting

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Here to cooperate and assist. Thank you.

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/2/2025 1:29:43 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
CC: Neff, Katie (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

That should work. Can you add me and Katie Neff? This is an important call for us. Appreciate it, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:28 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thanks (b)(6) need to confirm tat DAAG Gates is also available at that time.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:27 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5)

Hi Maureen – I just sent you an invite for 3:00, let me know if that works. Feel free to forward as needed.

Brian

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:17 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

You don't often get email from (b)(6). [Learn why this is important](#)

Great. Thank you, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) is there a good time today that we can discuss? I am available except between 11:45 am-1:15pm
Thank you in advance,
Maureen

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:10 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)

Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE (b)(5)

Maureen,

Good morning. We were in contact (b)(5) You should reach out to Acting Chief of the Verification Division (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) copied). He will coordinate from there.

Let us know if OPLA can be of any more assistance.

Regards,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Senior Advisor

Office of the Principal Legal Advisor

U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement

Cell: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 7/2/2025 1:32:52 PM
To: [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)] [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]
CC: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Neff, Katie (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

[(b)(6)] forwarded the invite to DAAG Gates and Katie Neff who will also attend

From: [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:27 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>, [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/2/2025 1:26:42 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Maureen, pick a time I can meet too

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:17 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/2/2025 1:25:43 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thank you, Justin. Very helpful. I appreciate it. Maureen, please include me in the call you set with

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) Thank you.

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:10 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT), (b)(6), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
on behalf of [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
Sent: 7/2/2025 1:32:01 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)] Neff, Katie (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: FW: DOJ / [(b)(5)]
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Start: 7/2/2025 7:00:00 PM
End: 7/2/2025 7:30:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

-----Original Appointment-----
From: [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:27 AM
To: [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)] Riordan, Maureen (CRT)
Subject: DOJ / [(b)(5)]
When: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 3:00 PM-3:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: 7/2/2025 1:26:45 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Riordan, Maureen (CRT); (b)(6)
Subject: DOJ; (b)(5)
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: 7/2/2025 7:00:00 PM
End: 7/2/2025 7:30:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative
Recurrence: (none)

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)
Sent: 7/2/2025 1:26:45 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: DOJ (b)(5)
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: 7/2/2025 7:00:00 PM
End: 7/2/2025 7:30:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy
Recurrence: (none)

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [REDACTED] (b)(6)
[REDACTED] (b)(6)
Sent: 7/2/2025 1:32:07 PM
To: [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)
Subject: Accepted: DOJ [REDACTED] (b)(5)
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: 7/2/2025 7:00:00 PM
End: 7/2/2025 7:30:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy

From: Neff, Katie (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 7/2/2025 1:35:49 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)
Subject: Accepted: DOJ (b)(5)
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: 7/2/2025 7:00:00 PM
End: 7/2/2025 7:30:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 7/2/2025 1:39:44 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(F)
Subject: Accepted: DOJ (b)(5)
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: 7/2/2025 7:00:00 PM
End: 7/2/2025 7:30:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: 7/16/2025 12:53:35 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
CC: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ (b)(5)

Hi John,

Yes, happy to discuss. I'm free from 9-10 or after 3:30, let me know if any of those work.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 8:26 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Cc: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

You don't often get email from (b)(6). [Learn why this is important](#)

Thanks, Maureen.

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
(b)(5) Do you have time for a call today?

John

John P. Buchko
Director of Operational Management
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20579
(b)(6)
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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 8:22 AM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: FW: DOJ (b)(5)

Good morning John, cc'd on this email is my (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F), this is John Buchko who is reviewing (b)(5). He is going to be reaching out to you (b)(5).
Thanks

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 11:39 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ (b)(5)

Thanks Maureen, that should be sufficient, and we should be able to turn this around in the next day or two.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 11:27 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Bhavsar, Chirag <(b)(6)>; Bartell, Nicolas S <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:45 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ (b)(5)

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upon? Thank you.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Associate Counsel, Regulations and Verification Law Division
Office of the Chief Counsel
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Cell: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:37 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

Some people who received this message don't often get email from (b)(6) [Learn why this is important](#)

Hi (b)(6) this is Maureen. (b)(5)
long

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:32 AM

To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ (b)(5)

Michael,

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Thanks,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 9:45 AM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Cell: (b)(6)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT)

Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 9:06 AM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

Thank you (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Cell: (b)(6)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 9:39 AM

To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] DOJ

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Michael and Maureen,

Great meeting you both yesterday.

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pretty quickly. Please let me

know if you have any additional questions.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Acting Chief, Verification Division

Immigration Records and Identity Services (IRIS)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: 8/11/2025 1:45:42 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)> Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: DOJ <(b)(5)>

Hi John, in a meeting will send when I exit the meeting

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division

(b)(6)

From: Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:44:06 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)> Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: DOJ <(b)(5)>

Dear Maureen and Katie,

At the bottom of this email chain is a July 3 email from (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) attaching the (b)(5)
(b)(5) Can you please send me those attachments?

Thank you.

John

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 8:22 AM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)> (b)(6)
Subject: FW: DOJ <(b)(5)>

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 8/11/2025 3:03:15 PM
To: Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: DOJ (b)(5)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT)
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 8:22 AM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: FW: DOJ (b)(5)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 7/8/2025 4:22:44 PM
To: [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)] Gates,
Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Neff, Katie (CRT) [(b)(6)]; [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
[(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
Subject: RE: DOJ [(b)(5)]

Great, thank you [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]

From: [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 11:39 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)] [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) [(b)(6)] [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
[(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ [(b)(5)]

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 8/11/2025 2:43:34 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: FW: DOJ A [(b)(5)]
Attachments: [(b)(5)]

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Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: [(b)(6)]

From: Gates, Michael (CRT)
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:56 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: FW: DOJ [(b)(5)]

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 8/11/2025 2:43:55 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: FW: DOJ [(b)(5)]
Attachments: [(b)(5)]

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Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: [(b)(6)]

From: Gates, Michael (CRT)
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:55 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) [(b)(6)]
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: FW: DOJ [(b)(5)]

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: 7/8/2025 2:57:04 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
CC: Neff, Katie (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
[EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ (b)(5)

p.s. I would assume, but not presume, (b)(5)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Associate Counsel, Regulations and Verification Law Division
Office of the Chief Counsel
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Cell: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:45 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
RE: DOJ (b)(5)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 7/8/2025 2:37:11 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

Just asked what they are looking for. (b)(5)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:37 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: DOJ (b)(5)

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Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:32 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ (b)(5)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT); (b)(6)
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Sent: 8/11/2025 3:04:16 PM
To: Zandi, Matt (CRT); (b)(6)
Subject: FW: DOJ (b)(5)
Attachments: (b)(5)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT)
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 7:20 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/8/2025 1:06:13 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: DOJ A (b)(5)

Attachments: (b)(5)

Maureen, when you have a moment, can you help me (b)(5) You can send back to me electronically. Thank you.

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 9:39 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)> Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DOJ (b)(5)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: 7/18/2025 2:12:44 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Link to (b)(5)

Circling back on this. No pressure, just want to keep it moving.

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT)
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:30 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Link to (b)(5)

Thank you. Your assistance is appreciated.

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:29 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Link to (b)(5)

Understood. (b)(5)

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Thanks.

John

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 3:37 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Link to (b)(5)

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From: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 8/5/2025 2:19:50 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) nformation

I am expecting an update from Maureen (b)(5)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 10:06:15 AM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) nformation

John, any updated (b)(5)? I know there was (b)(5)

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT)
Sent: Friday, August 1, 2025 9:01 AM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) nformation

(b)(5) John? Maybe we should discuss.

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 9:43 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) nformation

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From: Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 8/11/2025 3:43:43 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: [(b)(5)] information

Matt Zandi

Chief of Staff | U.S. Department of Justice | Civil Rights Division

Mobile: [(b)(6)]

[(b)(6)]

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 11:00 AM
To: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: [(b)(5)] information

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 9:42 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Buchko, John (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] RE: [(b)(5)] information

Has a decision been made on [(b)(5)]? I received this email [(b)(5)]
you I believe.
Thx

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division

[(b)(6)]

From: [(b)(5)] [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 9:39:46 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: [(b)(5)] information

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 8/1/2025 12:59:37 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE (b)(5) Information

(b)(5) any progress, John? Thank you.

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 9:42 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] RE (b)(5) Information

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 7/24/2025 10:12:44 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) Information

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From: SAVE Registration Queue (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 2:19 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) Information

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 7/15/2025 3:01:45 PM
To: [(b)(5)]; [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Neff, Katie (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Link to [(b)(5)]

Good morning. Was this not completed by DAAG Michael Gates?

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division

[(b)(6)]

From: [(b)(5)] [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 11:00:14 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Neff, Katie (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Link to [(b)(5)]

Good Morning,

(b)(5)

Cordially,

(b)(5)

[(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]

Original Message

From: [(b)(5)] [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]
Sent: 7/9/2025 3:02 PM
To: [(b)(6)] [(b)(6)]; [(b)(6)]
Subject: Link to [(b)(5)]

Good Afternoon,

(b)(5)

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(5)

please email

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Best Regards,

(b)(5)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 7/16/2025 2:31:07 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Complete (b)(5)

Already completed

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 9:38 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Complete (b)(5)

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 8:05 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Complete (b)(5)

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: 7/16/2025 12:30:51 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
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Subject: (b)(5) Meeting
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: 7/16/2025 12:30:00 PM
End: 7/16/2025 1:00:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy
Recurrence: (none)

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(b)(5)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/22/2025 1:58:29 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: facilitating (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division

(b)(6)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9:53:35 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: facilitating (b)(5)

Do we (b)(5)?

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9:49 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: facilitating (b)(5)

One more qualifier: (b)(5)

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division

(b)(6)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9:35:12 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: facilitating (b)(5)

No. You're thinking of (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division

(b)(6)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9:29:27 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: facilitating (b)(5)

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Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9:10 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: facilitating (b)(5)

I think (b)(5)

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division

(b)(6)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9:07:41 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: facilitating (b)(5)

Maureen, (b)(5)

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT)
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 10:33 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: facilitating (b)(5)

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Wall, Charles <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 10:29 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: facilitating (b)(5)

Michael

See attached

Charlie

Charles Wall
Principal Legal Advisor
Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Date: Friday, Jul 18, 2025 at 10:05 AM
To: Wall, Charles <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)> Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: facilitating (b)(5)

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Charlie – following up on this. Thanks

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG)

Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 3:16 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Michael (CRT) (b)(6)

Subject: facilitating (b)(5)

Charlie (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thanks,
Nick

Nick Davis

Counsel

Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Department of Justice

(b)(6)



From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/18/2025 4:21:21 PM
To: Hayes, Chris (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: facilitating (b)(5)

Thank you

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division

(b)(6)

From: Hayes, Chris (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 11:56:53 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: facilitating (b)(5)

Maureen,
Good morning! (b)(5)

(b)(5), (b)(7)(E)

-Chris

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 10:40 AM
To: Hayes, Chris (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: facilitating (b)(5)

Morning Chris, Can you (b)(5)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 10:33 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: facilitating (b)(5)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 7/18/2025 2:38:35 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: facilitating (b)(5)

Thanks. (b)(5) I think it was

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 10:33 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: facilitating (b)(5)

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From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/22/2025 1:33:37 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: RE: coordinating (b)(5)

I just sent a teams invite for 3pm on Thursday. If there are others that should be invited, let me/them know.

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9:33 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: coordinating (b)(5)

I will make any of these work! Thank you both!

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 8:03 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: coordinating (b)(5)

Hi Nick, absolutely. Let me know if any of these times work:

Thurs 1130-1230 or 3-4
Fri 9-2.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2025 6:47 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: coordinating (b)(5)

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) do you have time later this week for a call about how we can (b)(5)
(b)(5)

Appreciate your time and help,
Nick

Nick Davis
Counsel
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Department of Justice

(b)(6)



(b)(6)

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/22/2025 1:33:05 PM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6); Hayden, Paul (CRM) (b)(6)
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: coordinating (b)(5)
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Start: 7/24/2025 7:00:00 PM
End: 7/24/2025 7:30:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy

Required Attendees: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) Gates, Michael (CRT); Hayden, Paul (CRM)
Optional Attendees: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 8:03 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: coordinating (b)(5)

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From: Oliver, Brent (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 8/8/2025 2:55:22 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6); Neff, Katie (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Request for Guidance on (b)(5) – DOJ/Civil Rights Division

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Thanks, Brent

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 10:24 AM
To: Oliver, Brent (CRT) (b)(6) >
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6); Neff, Katie (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Request for Guidance on (b)(5) – DOJ/Civil Rights Division

Good morning, Mr. Oliver,

Thank you for your patience while I was out of the office—hopefully you received my auto-message when you mailed...

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Please let me know if you have any follow-ups on your request—thanks!

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Verification Division, IRIS
U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Oliver, Brent (CRT) (b)(6) >
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2025 9:47 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: Request for Guidance on (b)(5) – DOJ/Civil Rights Division

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Dear (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

My name is Brent Oliver, and I'm a Contracting Officer with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division.

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(b)(5)

Thank you for your time and support.

Best regards,

Brent Oliver
Contracting Officer
U.S. Department of Justice | Civil Rights Division

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U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

August 13, 2025

Via Mail and Email

The Honorable Shirley N. Weber
c/o Legal Affairs Office
Office of the Secretary of State
State of California
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

(b)(6)

legalsupport@sos.ca.gov

Re: **California Voter Registration List and Other Disclosures**

Secretary Weber:

This letter responds to your letter of August 8, 2025. This communication is limited to our request for the State of California's voter registration list ("VRL") and associated voter registration records and does not include the Justice Department's response to your partial answers to the inquiries about California's VRL maintenance processes. That response will come later.

Our July 10, 2025, letter requested California's VRL to assess the State's compliance with the statewide VRL maintenance provisions of the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA"), 52 U.S.C. § 20501, *et seq.* Our request is pursuant to the Attorney General's authority under Section 11 of the NVRA to bring enforcement actions. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 20501(a).

The Help America Vote Act ("HAVA"), 52 U.S.C. § 20501, *et seq.*, also provides authority for the Justice Department to seek the State's VRL via Section 401, which makes the Attorney General solely responsible for actions to enforce HAVA's computerized statewide Voter Registration List requirements. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 21111; *see also Brunner v. Ohio Republican Party*, 555 U.S. 5, 6 (2008) (*per curiam*) (finding there is no private right of action to enforce those requirements in HAVA).

In addition to those authorities, the Attorney General is also empowered by Congress to request records pursuant to Title III of the Civil Rights Act of 1960 ("CRA"), codified at 52 U.S.C.

§ 20701, *et seq.* Section 301 of the CRA requires state and local officials to retain and preserve records related to voter registration and other acts requisite to voting for any federal office for a period of 22 months after any federal general, special or primary election. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 20701.

Section 303 of the CRA provides, in pertinent part, “Any record or paper required by section 20701 to be retained and preserved shall, upon demand in writing by the Attorney General or his representative directed to the person having custody, possession, or control of such record or paper, be made available for inspection, reproduction, and copying at the principal office of such custodian by the Attorney General or his representative....” 52 U.S.C. § 20703.

As the plain language of the statute makes clear, California cannot limit the Justice Department’s access to mere inspection of the requested voter registration records; the Justice Department is entitled to a full and complete copy of those records in the form in which California maintains them, including in electronic form pursuant to HAVA.

As required by Section 303 of the CRA, our letter dated July 10, 2025, provided you with “a statement of the basis and the purpose therefore,” *id.*, namely, to assist in our determination of whether California’s list maintenance program complies with the NVRA. At your request, we have reaffirmed that statement in this correspondence.

When providing the electronic copy of the statewide VRL, California must ensure that it contains *all fields*, which includes the registrant’s full name, date of birth, residential address, his or her state driver’s license number, or the last four digits of the registrant’s social security number as required under the Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”)¹ to register individuals for federal elections. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(5)(A)(i).

In addition to the full electronic VRL, we also request by this letter a copy of all original and completed voter registration applications submitted to the State of California from December 1, 2023, through July 1, 2025. To be clear, that means copies of all voter registration applications completed and submitted by prospective voters during that time period. When providing a copy of the requested completed registration applications, California must ensure that they are provided in unredacted format.

Your letter dated August 8, 2025, also indicated concern regarding federal privacy protections of the VRL and other requested information by the Justice Department. Section 304 of the CRA provides the answer:

Unless otherwise ordered by a court of the United States, neither the Attorney General nor any employee of the Department of Justice, nor any other representative of the Attorney

¹ In charging the Attorney General with enforcement of the voter registration list requirements in the HAVA and in the NVRA, Congress plainly intended that Justice Department be able to conduct an independent review of each state’s list. Any statewide prohibitions are clearly preempted by federal law.

General, shall disclose any record or paper produced pursuant to this chapter, or any reproduction or copy, except to Congress and any committee thereof, governmental agencies, and in the presentation of any case or proceeding before any court or grand jury.

52 U.S.C. § 20704. As you noted, other federal laws may be applicable, including the Privacy Act. California's privacy laws, to the extent they are inconsistent with federal law, are preempted.

HAVA specifies that the "last 4 digits of a social security number . . . shall not be considered a social security number for purposes of section 7 of the Privacy Act of 1974" (5 U.S.C. § 522(a) note); 52 U.S.C. § 21083(c)). In addition, any prohibition of disclosure of a motor vehicle record contained in the Driver's License Protection Act, codified at 18 U.S.C. § 2721(b)(1), is exempted when the disclosure is for use by a government agency in carrying out the government agency's function to accomplish its enforcement authority as the Justice Department is now doing.

To that end, provide the requested electronic Voter Registration List² to the Justice Department within seven days or by August 21, 2025, and provide all original and completed voter registration applications submitted to the State of California from December 1, 2023, through July 1, 2025, to the Justice Department by September 12, 2025.

California's VRL and the requested original and completed voter registration applications may be sent by encrypted email to voting.section@usdoj.gov or via the Department's secure file-sharing system, Justice Enterprise File Sharing ("JEFS"). Please be advised that failure by California to provide its statewide VRL may result in legal action. Should further clarification be required, please contact Maureen Riordan at (b)(6)

Regards,



Harmeet K. Dhillon
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: Jana Lean
Chief of Elections
1500 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
(b)(6)

² Containing *all fields*, which includes either the registrant's full name, date of birth, residential address, his or her state driver's license number or the last four digits of the registrant's social security number as required by HAVA.

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 8/19/2025 7:24:10 PM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) [(b)(6)]; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) [(b)(6)]; Buchko, John (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: FW: (b)(5) Check-In
Attachments: (b)(5)

FYI

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 3:09 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] (b)(5) Check-In

Hey Michael, hope you are well. Just wanted to check in on (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Hope that makes sense, feel free to give me a call if you would like to discuss.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Acting Chief, Verification Division
Immigration Records and Identity Services (IRIS)
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

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From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
Sent: 9/2/2025 9:54:19 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6); Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Weekly (b)(5)

And to be even more precise, (b)(5)
(b)(5)

From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 5:50 PM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6); Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Weekly (b)(5)

I chatted with Nick about this. His question is (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thanks,

Ben

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 4:44 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6); Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Weekly (b)(5)

Fresh numbers right as we adjourned. (b)(5)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 4:31 PM
To: (b)(6) Sikma, James B..Jr. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6);
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Weekly (b)(5)

Good afternoon,

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Let me know if there are any questions.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Acting Chief, Verification Division

Immigration Records and Identity Services (IRIS)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: 9/4/2025 2:17:23 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6); Geissler, Jonas (CRT) (b)(6)
CC: MEYMARIAN, MARYELLEN (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE (b)(5) the EO on Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Election

Great! Enjoy your vacation! I will follow up next week!

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Senior Advisor
Department of Homeland Security
Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans
Border Security and Immigration Policy
(On Detail from ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (desk)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (cell)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 4:52 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: (b)(5) the EO on Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Election

This email is from an external US Government agency.

Yes, I will return from vacation next week. Happy to discuss then.

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
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950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530



From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 4:46 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6); Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] (b)(5) the EO on Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Election

Good afternoon –

I was hoping that you would be available for a meeting to

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5) If you let me know your availability, I can certainly schedule it. If you have any time tomorrow afternoon or sometime on Friday? Also, please let me know if there is anyone else on the DOJ side that needs to be included.

Thank you for your time,

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Senior Advisor

Department of Homeland Security

Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans

Border Security and Immigration Policy

(On Detail from ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor)

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Sent: 12/3/2025 3:39:54 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

I'll have her ask them on the call today.

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:39 AM
To: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

(b)(5)

Jesus A. Osete
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From: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:38 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:33 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

Can someone please get back to me regarding (b)(5)

Jesus A. Osete

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:29 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

Let me know when you want to do the call. I have a meeting with Julie Hamill at noon. Otherwise, available.
Eric Neff is traveling today.

Maureen S. Riordan
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Acting Chief, Voting Section
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:28 AM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

Adding Eric Neff. Thanks, Andy.

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(b)(6)



From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:26 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

Ok I got a contact (b)(5) I want to sort out with them:

(b)(5)

From: Mace, Robert N <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)>
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:20 AM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

Hi Andrew,

I'm happy to set something up. Let me know your availability and I will get something on the calendar.

Thanks,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Phone: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

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From: Pezzi, Stephen (CIV) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2025 9:38 AM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Cc: Shapiro, Elizabeth (CIV) (b)(6) Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

All,

A DOJ colleague from the Civil Rights division (Andrew Braniff, copied here) has some questions about (b)(5)

(b)(5) Can someone from (b)(5) please reach out to him and set up a time to talk and answer his questions? I think one lawyer and one non-lawyer technical person would probably make the most sense for this call.

Thanks very much,

Stephen M. Pezzi | Senior Trial Counsel
United States Department of Justice
Civil Division - Federal Programs Branch

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From: Neff, Eric (CRT); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 12/3/2025 3:33:13 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT); (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT); (b)(6); Braniff, Andrew (CRT); (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

I believe we're on the phone with them as we speak

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT); (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:33 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT); (b)(6); Braniff, Andrew (CRT); (b)(6)
Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT); (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

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Sent: 12/3/2025 5:12:47 PM
To: [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)] Neff, Eric (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division (1:00 pm meeting)

(b)(5)

From: [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:48 AM
To: Neff, Eric (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

That works for me but I'm not sure about (b)(5) operational SMEs. If you would like to send an invite I will see who is available. Also, if you have any read-ahead questions or topics that could help ensure we have the correct folks.

Thanks,

[(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]

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[(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:35 AM

To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: Re: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

I'm available

Maureen S. Riordan
Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division

(b)(6)

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:34:09 AM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

Can we do 1:00 pm? I can send a Teams.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:20 AM

To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

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Subject: NOTES (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division (1:00 pm meeting)

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Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:48 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

I confirmed the business and technology chiefs relevant (b)(5) can make themselves available at 1.

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[REDACTED] (b)(6)
Sent: 12/3/2025 3:32:17 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [REDACTED] (b)(6); Osete, Jesus (CRT) [REDACTED] (b)(6); Braniff, Andrew (CRT) [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

My flight is later so I am available.

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:29 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[REDACTED] (b)(6)>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <[REDACTED] (b)(6)>
Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT) <[REDACTED] (b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Questions from DOJ Civil Rights Division

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From: Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 12/3/2025 9:41:46 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
CC: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6); Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE (b)(5) Check-In

I spoke with (b)(5)

Matthew Zandi

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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
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To: Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6); Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Check-In

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From: Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 4:21 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6); Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: (b)(5) Check-In

In a meeting so can't view the document. What about (b)(5)

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Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: (b)(5) Check-In

All,

(b)(5)

Andy

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:56 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: (b)(5) Check-In

Below is the email from (b)(5)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:36 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: (b)(5) Check-In

Andrew – As discussed. Let us know if you have any questions.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 10:46 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: (b)(5) Check-In

Nick / Ben – Here is the email to Michael that I mentioned. Since this was sent, (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5) just let me know and we can make that happen.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 3:09 PM

To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: (b)(5) Check-In

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From: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6)
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To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: Re: CUREENT HEARING IN PROGRESS NEED UPDATE

Thank you guys so much (b)(5) in court.

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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 1:51:49 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: RE: CUREENT HEARING IN PROGRESS NEED UPDATE

Wonderful! Thank you for the quick update.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 4:51 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: CUREENT HEARING IN PROGRESS NEED UPDATE

Andrew,

Called and got him what he needed. (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
(b)(5)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Deputy Associate Director
Immigration Records and Identity Services Directorate (IRIS)
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2025 4:46 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: RE: CUREENT HEARING IN PROGRESS NEED UPDATE

(b)(5)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Deputy Associate Director

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2025 4:42 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Subject: CUREENT HEARING IN PROGRESS NEED UPDATE

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Could you call Eric NOW (b)(6)

HE needs to know (b)(5)

In hearing in California (b)(5)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:36 PM

To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: (b)(5) Check-In

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From: Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>
(b)(6)
Sent: 1/9/2026 5:35:15 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Check-In

Can we Teams any point you have free this afternoon? Our section is headed to a late team luncvh but after that anytime should be good.

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 11:42 AM
To: Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: (b)(5) Check-In

(b)(5)

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT)
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 10:51 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Check-In

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(5)

Feel free to call me with any questions.

Andy

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:36 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 1/9/2026 4:40:52 PM
To: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: (b)(5) Check-In

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Monday, January 5, 2026 2:16 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) Check-In

Andrew,

(b)(5)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2025 11:00 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Check-In

Anything else you need form us on this? I understand from Nick and Ben you got our edits but if you need anything else don't hesitate to ask..

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:36 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
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Sent: 12/3/2025 10:44:27 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6)
CC: Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6); Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE (b)(5) Check-In

Thanks, Andy.

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 4:54 PM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6)
Cc: Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6); Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: (b)(5) Check-In

Nick and Ben,

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 1:36 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: (b)(5) Check-In

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: 12/4/2025 9:46:55 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6)
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: CURENT HEARING IN PROGRESS NEED UPDATE

I'll call now too.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Deputy Associate Director
Immigration Records and Identity Services Directorate (IRIS)
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2025 4:42 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: CURENT HEARING IN PROGRESS NEED UPDATE
Importance: High

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: 12/8/2025 3:59:16 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6); Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6); Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6); Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: (b)(5) Check-In

Got it. (b)(6) will review and we'll reach out with any questions.

(b)(5), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 10:51 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5) Check-In

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 12/4/2025 9:55:44 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6); Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6)
CC: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

I would send it to (b)(5) directly—but defer to you. And then get back to brief writing 😊

Jesus A. Osete
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950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20579
(b)(6)
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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 4:51 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6); Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

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From: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 1/13/2026 1:40:46 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

I do have a quick thought. Teams call or I'm in MJB when you are around today.

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 8:30 AM
To: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Fw: DOJ (b)(5)

(b)(5) Any thoughts?

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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 8:27:27 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6) Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6)
Subject: Fw: DOJ (b)(5)

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 4:29:25 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DOJ (b)(5)

Andrew,

(b)(5)

I also wanted to see if you have time on Monday to discuss (b)(5)
(b)(5) Looks like I'm free anytime after 2:00 on
Monday, let me know if you are available.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Acting Chief, Verification Division
Immigration Records and Identity Services (IRIS)
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 1/9/2026 10:06:30 PM
To: Neff, Eric (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: FW: DOJ (b)(5)
Attachments: (b)(5)

FYI [(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)] I'm scheduling a call first thing Monday am and will provide any changes or updates that pop out over the weekend.

From: [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 4:29 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]; [(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DOJ (b)(5)

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Sent: 7/9/2025 11:18:43 AM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Gates, Michael (CRT)

(b)(6)
CC: Neff, Katie (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

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(b)(5)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:32 AM

To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6) Riordan, Maureen (CRT)

(b)(6)
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOJ (b)(5)

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Sent: 7/9/2025 1:25:52 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
CC: Neff, Katie (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)
Attachments: (b)(5)

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 7:20 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) (b)(6); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F)
Subject: RE: DOJ (b)(5)

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