

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/8/2025 6:58:46 PM
To: Neff, Katie (CRT) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: pre-meet before Thursday

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Yes. We have another few meetings today (b)(5)
(b)(5) Is there anything else you think (b)(5)

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From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 7/8/2025 11:05:22 PM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) [(b)(6)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) [(b)(6)]; Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) [(b)(6)]
Subject: pre-meet before Thursday
Location: Andy's office

Start: 7/9/2025 3:00:00 PM
End: 7/9/2025 3:30:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Required Attendees: Gates, Michael (CRT); Braniff, Andrew (CRT)
Optional Attendees: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG); Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG)

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
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You can call me in to your meeting – I will be at 4CON in other meetings but will step out to discuss.

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I'll swing by at 11. What's your office number?

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I do. Micheal may also want to come as well. Below is our initial assessment of the questions asked that apply to CRT:

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Andy – do you have time tomorrow for me to come visit you and

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Thanks,

Nick

Nick Davis

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Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Department of Justice

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Yes.

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Sent: 7/8/2025 7:01:20 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
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Call me when you have a second

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To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6) Neff, Katie
(CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [VOTING/EO] List of Requirements for Tomorrows Call 7/10 (AGB ANSWERS IN RED)

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Sent: 7/9/2025 9:50:21 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Neff, Katie (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: [VOTING/EO] List of Requirements for Tomorrows Call 7/10 (AGB ANSWERS IN RED)
Attachments: [(b)(5)]

Below see my edits and updates. And the updated chart. All in red. I can add these to Nicks email tonight.
Need an update below on whats happening [(b)(5)]

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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT)

Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 12:13 PM

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

Subject: [VOTING/EO] List of Requirements for Tomorrows Call 7/10

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Andrew Braniff | Acting Chief
Civil Rights Division, Appellate Section
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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 7/10/2025 3:13:55 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: [(b)(5)]

FYI call pushed to tomorrow at 3.

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 11:12 AM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: [(b)(5)]

This is the [(b)(5)]. This is why the process is a bit arduous.

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: [(b)(5)]

Not that we need to circulate this as well, but is this [(b)(5)] request?

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
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Cc: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) [(b)(6)]; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Laragy, Scott (USAEO) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: [(b)(5)]

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Cc: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Laragy, Scott (USAEO) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE (b)(5)

For your edification and reference, here is the EAVS Report so you can see.

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Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Cell: (b)(6)

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Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 10:50 AM

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Subject: RE (b)(5)

Here is a draft letter to (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: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>

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FYI New York request was made on June 30, 2025 and response requested by June 20, 2025.

From: Hayden, Paul (CRM) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 10:07 AM

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<(b)(6)>; Woodward, Stanley (OAG) <(b)(6)>
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Scott (USAEQ) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thanks, Andy.

I'll incorporate your updates into the one I just circulated so there is only one spreadsheet.

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
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Cc: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Vetan,

Attached is the document with additions from CRT both in the text and added additional background to the questions discussed yesterday.

Andy

From: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:03 AM
To: Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Davis, Nick
(ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG)
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<(b)(6)>; Woodward, Stanley (OAG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

Just forwarded the invite for the 1pm call to you, Paul (Perkins). If anyone else is planning to join and does not have the invite, please let me know. I think the focus will be on actions taken since last week's call with respect to (b)(5)

Vetan

From: Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
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To: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Davis, Nick
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Cc: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE (b)(5)

Looking at Vetan's comment about *Lulac v. EOP*, I think we should have someone on from CIV who can discuss that case, unless someone else feels comfortable doing so.

Ketan Bhirud

Associate Deputy Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

From: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 6:28 PM

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Subject: RE (b)(5)

Thanks, Michael. Adding in a couple more folks for their awareness. Attached are some comments and questions about (b)(5) Nick/Paul/Andy/Michael, please take a look and let me know if you have any questions. Could we also please draft up (b)(5) below).

Thanks,

Vetan

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Subject: RE: (b)(5)

I will run this by my team to look for any other edits/additions/contributions. Thanks Nick!!!

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From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
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Subject: (b)(5)

Everyone – below are aggregated draft answers (b)(5). I have highlighted a few items for quick resolution.

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Nick Davis

Counsel

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That's fine. Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 10:57 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)
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Michael, (b)(5)
(b)(5) will send you the data so they can see.

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CC: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); Laragy, Scott (USAEQ) (b)(6)
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Here is the raw EAVS (attached).

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Subject: RE (b)(5)

By the way, Vetan, I am going to be meeting with Maureen today in my office (b)(5). Maureen is our resident expert on enforcement – she has done elections law for years – both with the DOJ and in private practice. If it is helpful to you, please stop by (around) 12:30pm to get more questions answered, better explanations.

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Subject: RE (b)(5)

Yes, we will be ready for that. (b)(5)

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We will be ready.

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

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Subject: Re: (b)(5)

Hi Michael,

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please let me know what that is.

Vetan

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

Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:32:14 AM

To: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Vetan, sorry if I missed this in the email traffic (b)(5)

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(b)(5) Sorry if you already covered this in other emails. I have been also prepping for oral argument in WA this Monday and have a moot today at 3pm. So, it's been busy – not easy to keep up. Thanks Vetan!

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

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Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:03 AM

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<[REDACTED]>; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <[REDACTED]>; Osete, Jesus (CRT)
<[REDACTED]>; Woodward, Stanley (OAG) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

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From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) [Nick, (b)(6)]
Sent: 7/10/2025 2:59:35 PM
To: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) [(b)(6)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE (b)(5)

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From: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) [(b)(6)] >
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:37 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Cc: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <[(b)(6)]>; Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

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From: Hayden, Paul (CRM) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/10/2025 2:34:02 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6); Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) (b)(6) Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) (b)(6); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6) Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6); Manion, Jason (OAG) (b)(6); Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) (b)(6); Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6); Woodward, Stanley (OAG) (b)(6)
CC: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); Laragy, Scott (USAE0) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)
Attachments: (b)(5)

Updated attached. CRT please double check to make sure I captured your info accurately.

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 10:00 AM
To: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) (b)(6) Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) (b)(6) Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6) Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6) Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6); Hayden, Paul (CRM) (b)(6) Manion, Jason (OAG) (b)(6); Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) (b)(6); Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6); Woodward, Stanley (OAG) (b)(6)
Cc: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) (b)(6); Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: 7/10/2025 1:14:14 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
CC: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Will do.

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:12 AM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Andy, please work all answers out with Maureen. I am prepping for WA oral argument as I have a moot today. Thank you.

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

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:05 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: (b)(5)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: 7/10/2025 1:26:57 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
CC: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)
Attachments: (b)(5)

Here are my answers to Ketan

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:05 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: (b)(5)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 7/9/2025 10:49:42 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: [(b)(5)]

Michael I do not have [(b)(5)] Maybe Tim does? [(b)(5)]

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 6:35:52 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: FW: [(b)(5)]

Maureen, another email soliciting more information. Your help would be appreciated.

Michael E. Gates

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

From: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 6:28 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Davis, Nick (ODAG) <[(b)(6)]>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>; Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <[(b)(6)]>; Hayden, Paul (CRM) <[(b)(6)]>; Manion, Jason (OAG) <[(b)(6)]>; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Woodward, Stanley (OAG) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: RE: [(b)(5)]

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 7/10/2025 12:07:54 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE (b)(5) My responses in red.

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

Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 6:36 PM

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

Subject: FW: (b)(5)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/10/2025 12:54:16 PM
To: Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) (b)(6)
CC: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE (b)(5)

Agree. Bridget O'Hickey has been handling for CIV.

Michael E. Gates

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

From: Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 8:47 AM
To: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) (b)(6); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6); Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Hayden, Paul (CRM) <(b)(6)>; Manion, Jason (OAG) <(b)(6)>; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Woodward, Stanley (OAG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 7/10/2025 1:04:48 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Neff, Katie (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: FW: (b)(5)
Attachments: (b)(5)

Ok,

Attached is the document with our additions from yesterday added and edited. I have also updated the chart to reflect (b)(5) based on yesterday's discussions.

I believe Vetan would like written responses to his comments ASAP on the document. Happy to transcribe if you need to call me, but I think it's better if the document is in your hands now Maureen.

Also, I added (b)(5) based on Vetan's comment so please review and make sure it's accurate and if so supply a date.

Andy

From: Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 8:47 AM
To: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) [(b)(6)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Davis, Nick (ODAG) <[(b)(6)]>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>; Hayden, Paul (CRM) <[(b)(6)]>; Manion, Jason (OAG) <[(b)(6)]>; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Woodward, Stanley (OAG) [(b)(6)]
Cc: Perkins, Paul (ODAG) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: 7/10/2025 12:38:16 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
CC: Neff, Katie (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: (b)(5)
Attachments: (b)(5)

I am editing this document now and will circulate. But if you could develop an answer to why (b)(5)
(b)(5)

From: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 6:28 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Hayden, Paul (CRM) <(b)(6)>; Manion, Jason (OAG) <(b)(6)>; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Woodward, Stanley (OAG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/9/2025 9:45:06 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6); Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6); Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6); Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) (b)(6); Hayden, Paul (CRM) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

(b)(5) I'll have some proposed edits to these responses in a few mins.

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 5:28 PM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6); Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) (b)(6); Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6); Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) (b)(6); Hayden, Paul (CRM) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 7/9/2025 9:29:46 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: (b)(5)

Maureen, sorry for the rush and late requests. ODAG wants advance info tonight (b)(5) tomorrow (b)(5). Can you review his questions, responses and let me know if other than the lists of letters I have here that I already sent to him, whether we need to add any more clarification.

I sent Nick this list:

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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: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 5:08 PM

To: Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Hayden, Paul (CRM) <(b)(6)>

Subject: (b)(5)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 7/17/2025 8:42:38 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Good lord. I think we should run this up the chain?

From: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 3:45 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

I just got off the phone with the DHS contact (b)(5)

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From: Buchko, John (CRT)
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 3:17 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Bacon, Antoinette (OAG) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 12:37 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Hi John,
Sure. Are you at Main?

Thanks,
Toni

From: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 10:34 AM
To: Bacon, Antoinette (OAG) (b)(6)
Cc: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Hi Antoinette,

(b)(5)

John

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 10:31 AM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Bacon, Antoinette (OAG) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Antoinette Bacon Bacon, Antoinette (OAG) (b)(6)

From: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 10:27 AM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: (b)(5)

Maureen,

I'm talking to Brian at 3:30 (b)(5)

John

From: Perez, Charlotte (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 7/22/2025 2:50:17 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Cumbee, Deborah (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

added!!

Charlotte Perez

Project Manager, OAAG | U.S. Department of Justice | Civil Rights Division

DOJ Cell: [(b)(6)]

[(b)(6)]

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 10:49 AM
To: Perez, Charlotte (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Cumbee, Deborah (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

I do in [(b)(5)]

Jesus A. Osete

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

From: Perez, Charlotte (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 10:49 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Cumbee, Deborah (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

let me know if you want all of this added to the outline

Charlotte Perez

Project Manager, OAAG | U.S. Department of Justice | Civil Rights Division

DOJ Cell: [(b)(6)]

[(b)(6)]

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 10:33 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Perez, Charlotte (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Cumbee, Deborah (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 9/17/2025 7:13:51 PM
To: Gross, Jonathan (CRT) [J. [REDACTED]]
CC: Zandi, Matt (CRT) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

Run it by Michael first please. Thanks!

Jesus A. Osete
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20579
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



From: Gross, Jonathan (CRT) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 3:13 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

Jesus,

Here is the Padilla letter:

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Jonathan

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 12:11 PM
To: Gross, Jonathan (CRT) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

Jonathan,

Can you please draft a response to this letter? Michael's outline is below.

By COB tomorrow. Thanks.

Jesus A. Osete

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20579

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
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Sent: 9/18/2025 7:27:40 PM
To: Gross, Jonathan (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

Got it. Okay, then the version I sent you should be good. All yours.

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General
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U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530

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From: Gross, Jonathan (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 3:25 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 12:11 PM
To: Gross, Jonathan (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

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From: Gross, Jonathan (CRT) [J: (b)(6)]
Sent: 9/15/2025 5:03:33 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

Will do.

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 12:11 PM
To: Gross, Jonathan (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: RE: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 7/22/2025 2:49:55 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
CC: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) (b)(6)
Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6); Perez, Charlotte (CRT) (b)(6); Cumbee, Deborah
(CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

Thank you so much, Michael.

This is very helpful. We'll be sure to add it to the operative outline so Harmeet has what she needs.

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

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 10:34 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6); Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) (b)(6);
Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6); Perez, Charlotte (CRT) (b)(6); Cumbee, Deborah
(CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Incoming Correspondence re: Voting Rights Section

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
<(b)(6)>
Sent: 8/11/2025 2:42:29 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
CC: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: update on data collection

TY.

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

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:37 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: update on data collection

You did send this and I missed it. Sincere apologies.

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: Saturday, August 9, 2025 11:05 AM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)> Davis,
Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT)
<(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: update on data collection

Michael, please send Ben the requested information before Monday's meeting. Thanks.

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

From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 10:42:02 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)> Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Davis, Nick
(ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT)
<(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: update on data collection

I am not sure a meeting will be productive without the requested information.

Do you need me to circulate the outstanding information again?

Once we receive the information, happy to see if a meeting is necessary.

Thanks,

Ben

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 10:29:51 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: update on data collection

Yes, Thank you!

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: Saturday, August 9, 2025 10:28:42 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: update on data collection

Guys, let's please meet on Monday at 930am in Zandi's office, when we hold our regular meeting. Just this group. Thanks.

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

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 10:08:33 AM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: update on data collection

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 8/9/2025 2:17:09 PM
To: Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Fw: update on data collection

What a mess. I think you and I should meet with these guys and Ketan during Monday meeting.

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

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)] >
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 10:08:33 AM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>; Davis, Nick (ODAG) [(b)(6)] >
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: Re: update on data collection

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 8/9/2025 2:18:02 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) [(b)(6)]; Davis, Nick (ODAG) [(b)(6)]; Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) [(b)(6)]; Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]
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Ben, I think there's a misunderstanding. (Preliminarily, I can get you the proposed (b)(5)

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My team works for me, and with me, and I communicate our work and results up to our CRT leadership and higher offices. Until recently, no higher office has ever made demands directly to CRT section team members - and you promised before that if you ever needed something from my sections you would come to me, or if after receiving my permission to first, you'd at least cc me. That didn't happen here. I have a lot of attorneys and a lot of enforcement responsibilities, including this highest priority of elections. Having the ability to manage the people, the work, and report up accurately is critical.

And, I have been diligently implementing all EOs since I arrived Feb 18th.

If you think you are not getting enough updates or enough information and you would like more, I suggest we meet daily so that I can give you my team's updates. What you have recently been asking for has already been in the works and my team is working on getting more information. I am happy to share those results on a daily basis - if you need more than our every-other-day or so updates.

If there is anything about this that you disagree with, I suggest that in addition to us meeting with Nick first thing next week, we discuss with Jesus - also cc-ed here.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

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: Friday, August 8, 2025 9:23:18 PM

To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: update on data collection

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: 8/9/2025 12:58:27 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
CC: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: update on data collection

Please find out why he's asking about email traffic.

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

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 6:39:00 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: update on data collection

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: Friday, August 8, 2025 5:44 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Fw: update on data collection

Please see the email from ODAG

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

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 4:20 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: update on data collection

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From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 8/9/2025 1:38:11 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Fw: update on data collection
Attachments: RE: DOJ updates on EO 14248

Jesus,

Can you please make sure we get this information?

We have asked multiple times about the [(b)(5)]. We still have not received that information or why they have not been sent in the past couple of weeks.

[(b)(5)] Maureen told us she would have that information for us by yesterday.

[(b)(5)] However, Maureen told us she would send us what she has. [(b)(5)]
[(b)(5)]

Thanks,

Ben

From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG)
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 9:23:18 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Davis, Nick (ODAG) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: RE: update on data collection

Michael,

If you have a concern with leadership offices collecting the information needed to implement the Executive Order, please raise the issue with Harmeet and Jesus. I am happy to talk with them about it.

For your convenience, I am attaching my email from earlier this week regarding additional information we are waiting on from the voting section.

I talked with Jesus today about [(b)(5)]. He told me to connect with John Buchko about the status when he gets back into the office. If you have a copy of [(b)(5)] please forward it to us. It would be great to review it over the weekend before I meet with him. Maureen thought she had a copy and said she would share it with us.

Thanks,

Ben

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

Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 6:40 PM

To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)> Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: update on data collection

Ben and Nick, please discuss assigning work to my team with me first thing next week.

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: Friday, August 8, 2025 4:20 PM

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

Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: update on data collection

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
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Sent: 8/11/2025 2:46:52 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6); Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
CC: Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: update on data collection

Thanks everyone.

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

From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 10:24 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6); Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6)
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: update on data collection

Thank you, Michael.

That is very helpful to know (b)(5)

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Once we get the information from CRT and the other components, we can all huddle up to discuss strategy.

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:51 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) (b)(6); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: update on data collection

Nick and Ben, attached is the (b)(5)

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(b)(5) I will forward what emails I have.

With regard to the spreadsheet, I am going to work with my team to get it filled in. I do know that none of the databases we have received so far have any SSNs, not even the last four. States are providing unique voter ID numbers instead. (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: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 4:20 PM

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

Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: update on data collection

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: 8/8/2025 9:46:06 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: update on data collection

Hi Nick. I want you to know that I was informed today that all communications need to go through DAAG Gates.

I forwarded your email and please know I will follow up with him so we can facilitate the ask Monday. Have a great weekend.

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

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 5:43:39 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Fw: update on data collection

Please see the email from ODAG

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

(b)(6)

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 4:20 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <Maureen.(b)(6)>
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: update on data collection

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 8/8/2025 10:39:00 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: update on data collection
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Cell: [REDACTED]

From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 5:44 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fw: update on data collection

Please see the email from ODAG

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

[REDACTED]

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 4:20 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: update on data collection

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 8/8/2025 10:40:14 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: update on data collection

I'll handle. Thank you for keeping me apprised.

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: Friday, August 8, 2025 5:44 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Fw: update on data collection

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Senior Counsel
Acting Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division

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From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 4:20 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: update on data collection

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 8/8/2025 9:41:26 PM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) [Nick, (b)(6)]
CC: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: update on data collection

Hi Nick, I hope you understand that this needs to go through Michael Gates as he is the

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

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From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 4:20:41 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: update on data collection

Maureen –

Thanks for the calls yesterday and this morning. Following up on some of the action items, will you please send us (b)(5)

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Thank you,
Nick

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

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
(b)(6)
Sent: 8/11/2025 12:36:30 PM
To: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: Update on data collection
Attachments: (b)(5)

Second email on Friday. (he attends the Friday calls with Tonie, that I referenced when we spoke)

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 4:21 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: update on data collection

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From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 8/11/2025 11:26:51 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thank you!

From: Buchko, John (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 10:50 AM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Dear Ben,

Please see attached.

John

From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:20 AM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: (b)(5)

John,

I met with Jesus last week and he told me to reach out to you.

[(b)(5)]

Thank you,

Ben

From: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 9/8/2025 10:11:08 PM
To: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) [(b)(6)];
Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) [(b)(6)]
CC: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal, immigration investigations

Copy - Sarah has multiple outstanding inquiries and our larger response is in the queue for approval - we will make sure the reporter has this in hand. I'll call Sarah and let her know as well.

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From: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 5:20:29 PM
To: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) [(b)(6)]; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>;
Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) [(b)(6)]
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal, immigration investigations

Reporter just pinged me to see where the comment is. Her story (Sarah) now running in the morning.

Thank youi.

HKD

Harmeet K. Dhillon
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Email: [(b)(6)]
Cell: [(b)(6)]
Desk: [(b)(6)]

From: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 4:42 PM
To: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>;
Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) [(b)(6)]
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal, immigration investigations

Copy. Sending. Thank you!

From: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 4:40 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>; Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <[(b)(6)]>;
Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) <[(b)(6)]>

Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: Re: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

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. Thank you all.

Harmeet K. Dhillon

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530

Desk: (b)(6)

Cell: (b)(6)

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From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 4:31:17 PM

To: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b)(6)>; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>;

Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

Defer to Harmeet.

From: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 4:30 PM

To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>;

Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

Tracking this response below – (b)(5) Deadline is 5pm so we are good on time!

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From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 4:19 PM
To: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b)(6)>;
Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

That makes sense. If it isn't too late, I would (b)(5)
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From: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 3:54 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b)(6)>;
Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

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HKD

Harmeet K. Dhillon
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
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Email: (b)(6)
Cell: (b)(6)
Desk: (b)(6)

From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 3:50 PM
To: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b)(6)>;
Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

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From: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 3:49:10 PM

To: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) <(b)(6)>; Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: FW: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal, immigration investigations

Here's a comment for SPOX from CRT:

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Harmeet K. Dhillon

Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division

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From: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 9/8/2025 8:13:12 PM
To: Perez, Charlotte (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Cumbee, Deborah (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

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Harmeet K. Dhillon
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
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950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530
Desk: [(b)(6)]
Cell: [(b)(6)]
[(b)(6)]



From: Perez, Charlotte (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 4:12:13 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Cc: Cumbee, Deborah (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

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Charlotte Perez
Project Manager, Office of the Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530
[(b)(6)]
[(b)(6)]

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 3:38 PM
To: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Cumbee, Deborah (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Perez, Charlotte (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>

Subject: FW: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal, immigration investigations

Harmeet, this is what Ben prepared:

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This is what I had prepared previously:

(b)(5)

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530

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From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 3:29 PM

To: Gates, Michael (CRT); (b)(6)

Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT); (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal, immigration investigations

This is last version sent (b)(5)

What are the key points you are trying get across here.

In its simplest form, it seems like this is what we are trying to say:

(b)(5)

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

Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 3:00 PM

To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

I think 5pm, but Harmeet said let's get it out now.

Michael E. Gates

Deputy Assistant Attorney General
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950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530

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From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 2:59 PM

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

Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

What is actual deadline to get them a response?

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 9/8/2025 7:00:16 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) [(b)(6)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

I think 4pm

Jesus A. Osete

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20579

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From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 2:59:12 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

What is actual deadline to get them a response?

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 2:56 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

Revised: This work?

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Michael E. Gates

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Washington, DC 20530

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From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 2:42 PM

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

Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal, immigration investigations

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

Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 2:41 PM

To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: FW: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal, immigration investigations

Ben, please let me know ASAP if you suggest any changes to this statement. It has to go out ASAP.

Michael E. Gates

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT)

Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 1:18 PM

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

Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 9/8/2025 6:12:09 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Fw: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal, immigration investigations

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Suggestion:

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Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 12:33 PM

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From: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 9/8/2025 7:02:21 PM
To: (b)(6) @who.eop.gov; (b)(6); (b)(6) @who.eop.gov
(b)(6) Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
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From: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 12:20:18 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6) Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <Harmeet.(b)(6)>
Cc: McGavick, Gates (PAO) (b)(6); Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) (b)(6); Zandi, Matt (CRT) (b)(6); Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal., immigration investigations

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From: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 9/8/2025 3:13:21 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: McGavick, Gates (PAO) [Gates, N. (b)(6)]; Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) [(b)(6)];
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Thanks!

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 11:12 AM
To: Gilmartin, Chad (PAO) [(b)(6)]
Cc: McGavick, Gates (PAO) <[(b)(6)]>; Baldassarre, Natalie (PAO) <[(b)(6)]>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 9/11/2025 2:00:24 AM
To: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Fw: (b)(5)

I spoke to OLC today about (b)(5)

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 9:54:23 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: FW: (b)(5)

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 9/13/2025 3:00:15 AM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: [(b)(5)] Question

TY. Will keep you posted.

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To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: FW: [(b)(5)] Question

Here you go. Ben was the person who stopped by my office about [(b)(5)]

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[(b)(5)] Sorry. I don't remember much more than that. It doesn't look like I memorialized our conversation in writing. If it would be helpful for me to sit down with you, Nick and Ben and hash this out, happy to do that.

From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC)
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 8:46 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>; [(b)(6)] (OLC) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: RE: [(b)(5)] Question

Nick,

Thanks again for meeting with us last week. We have been continuing to think through your question about

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[(b)(5)] You may, however, want to double check with Peter Winn in OPCL to see if he has other thoughts.

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Let us know if you need anything else.

Best,
Lanora

From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC)

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 3:28 PM

To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) (OLC) (b)(6)

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 3:25 PM

To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

I'll come by at 9:30 tomorrow morning. What's your room number?

From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 3:08 PM

To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Hi Nick—

Sorry that it has taken a while to get back to you. Been one of those days. I have a meeting with your colleague Paul and OLP at 330. According to my calendar, it is scheduled to last 30 minutes. That is the last thing on my calendar for the day, and you are welcome to stop by after. Or I am available all day tomorrow except noon when I have a meeting with our collective boss.

Best,
Lanora

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 12:13 PM

To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thank you, Lanora. When is a good time for me to swing by your office? What room number are you?

From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 7:35 AM

To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Good morning Nick,

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Thanks,
Lanora

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 9:41 AM

To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 7:47 PM

To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thank you, Lanora!

I am looping in Nick Davis from ODAG.

I don't think we have a specific question at the moment. (b)(5) I don't want to ask anyone to duplicate work.

It sounds like you would be able to help us with (b)(5)
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Thanks,

Ben

From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 9:51 AM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

We can look, but the subject matter expert on (b)(5) What is the (b)(5) issue?

From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 9:46 AM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Subject: (b)(5)

Lenora,

I hope you are doing well. I am trying to determine who is the best person to ask (b)(5) and (b)(5) questions.

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Jason Manion thought OLC might be our subject matter experts, or you would know who to reach out to.

Thank you,

Ben

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 9/18/2025 2:34:35 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

😊 Understood.

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 10:34 AM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

I hear you but this is why these things need to be done well before we fire off things. It is what it is. I'll check in with Lanora before the weekend. (b)(5)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 10:31:18 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]<>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 10:25 AM

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

Subject: Re: (b)(5)

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We need to do this right.

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

Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 10:01:59 AM

To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: FW: (b)(5)

Jesus, I think (b)(5)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 6:10 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Think its necessary considering (b)(5)

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 4:30 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

I think I makes sense.

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From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 4:29 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Jesus had (b)(5) It sounds like Lanora is working through those questions.

I think it makes sense to get that analysis before moving forward. What do you guys think?

I also (b)(5) and told her CRT is trying to move quickly on it.

Thanks,

Ben

From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 2:33 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Ben, checking on status

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT)
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 4:02 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: (b)(5)

Ben, attached is a draft of a (b)(5). Feel free to review and mark up.

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: 9/15/2025 8:57:58 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT)
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 4:56:00 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 4:55 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

I thought you said you addressed this with him already?

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From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 4:53 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thank you. I will look it over.

I had an outstanding question from last week regarding how

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

Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 4:36 PM

To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: Re: (b)(5)

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 4:34:35 PM

To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

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

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
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Sent: 11/19/2025 9:59:54 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) (b)(6)
Subject: RE (b)(5)

TY.

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 3:22 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE (b)(5)

Ok. I will reassign it.

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 3:16 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE (b)(5)

Yes, we would like it sooner if possible.

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:10 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: (b)(5)

Let me know if this timing changes your answer.

From: Heim, Laura (OLC) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 7:12 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

I think it was around January 1, but I am not sure if the lapse changed his plans on that.

From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 6:30:06 PM
To: Heim, Laura (OLC) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: (b)(5)

Do you know when (b)(6) is scheduled to come back from leave?

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 6:26 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

No need to reassign it. We can wait till he gets back. I'll let you know if things change.

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 6:26 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Do you want me to ask when he is coming back, reassign it, or both?

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 6:24 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

TY.

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 6:23 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE (b)(5)

The AA who wrote it is still (b)(6) I can ask when he is coming back or reassign it.

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 6:18 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE (b)(5)

Hey you. Any status update on formalizing this?

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 9:39 PM

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

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

As I mentioned yesterday, we have looked into your question (b)(5)

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Best,
Lanora

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 10:31 AM

To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

TY friend.

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2025 3:35 PM

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

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Hi Jesus—

I will send you a more fulsome explanation in an email in the next day or two, which I will follow up with a more formal opinion as soon as I am able. (b)(6)

(b)(6) so I am not sure when he is going to get a chance to review the draft response I just sent him.) But the 5 second version is that (b)(5)

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Happy to chat in the morning.

Best,
Lanora

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 11:32 AM

To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: Re: (b)(5)

My view is (b)(5)

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 10:18 AM

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

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 7:06 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 5:21 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

Not me. Michael?

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 2:13:07 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 12:27 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thanks for looking into this. I'll await your formal guidance. I appreciate you.

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 6:51 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 5:26 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

TY. Harmeet and I are

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 5:21 PM

To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

I haven't read it. Just on a call. I will take a look.

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 5:21 PM

To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thanks. (b)(5)

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 5:14 PM

To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

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Subject: FW: (b)(5)

From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 5:02 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Lanora,

They sent over an updated copy.

It sounds like they also think that t (b)(5)

Thanks,

Ben

From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG)
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 10:02 AM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: (b)(5)

Lanora,

We received analysis from DHS OGC (b)(5)

Thanks,

Ben

From: TOBITSCH, KERIANNE <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 4:21 PM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] (b)(5)

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Ben,

Please see attached the analysis we discussed earlier. Are you available for a quick call this afternoon?

Kerianne Tobitsch
Deputy General Counsel
Office of the General Counsel
Department of Homeland Security
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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: 9/23/2025 8:02:26 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Great. Thanks.

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 3:25 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

We can wait until AA returns from leave btw to formalize.

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 5:52 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

You are most welcome. Happy to help.

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 9:47 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

This is excellent! And exactly the kind of guidance Harmeet and I were looking for. I will ask Harmeet about timing regarding a formal opinion but I don't think it'll be an issue for us for the AA to return to avoid reassigning.

I'll be in touch. Thanks!

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 9:38:33 PM

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

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Subject: RE (b)(5)

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 11/21/2025 7:38:23 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6); Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6); Neff, Eric (CRT)
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

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

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 2:37:56 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Let me know when templates for complaint and OSC are ready on. (b)(5)

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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 2:24 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thank you!

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 2:20 PM
To: Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)> Braniff, Andrew

(CRT) <[redacted]>
Subject: [redacted]

Jesus A. Osete

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[redacted]



From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <[redacted]>

Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 9:38:33 PM

To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[redacted]>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <[redacted]>

Subject: RE: [redacted]

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 9/23/2025 1:50:25 AM
To: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) [(b)(6)]
CC: Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Fw: (b)(5)

Boss,

See below. OLC can formalize this when the AA returns.

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 9:38:33 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: 9/23/2025 1:53:45 AM
To: Woodward, Stanley (OAG) (b)(6); Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) (b)(6)
CC: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) (b)(6); Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) (b)(6); Nieves, Brian (ODAG) (b)(6); Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Fw: (b)(5)

Harmeet and Stanley,

Below is OLC's opinion on (b)(5). This will be formalized as soon as the AA returns from leave.

Thanks for your patience.

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From: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 9:38:33 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 11/30/2025 9:25:47 PM
To: Pettit, Lanora (OLC) [(b)(6)]
CC: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: OLC Opinion on [(b)(5)]
Attachments: lwv-v-dhs-complaint-as-filed-9-30-25 (1).pdf

Lanora,

Jesus shared with us the OLC informal opinion email below. Thank you very much. Two questions:

- 1) [(b)(5)]
- 2) [(b)(5)]

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 12/1/2025 9:54:31 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: LWV v. DHS meeting notes

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Andrew G. Braniff
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From: Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 12/8/2025 5:00:28 PM
To: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT); Osete, Jesus (CRT)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

On it!!

Matthew Zandi

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From: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 11:53 AM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

(b)(5) please chase this Zandi and get a deadline (b)(5)
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HKD

Harmeet K. Dhillon

Assistant Attorney General
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Email: (b)(6)
Cell: (b)(6)
Desk: (b)(6)

From: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 11:51 AM
To: Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Fw: (b)(5)

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From: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 10:49 AM

To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: FW: (b)(5)

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From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 10:49 AM

To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

(b)(5) wanted to give it a quick review before we finalize it.

I will send it over to them now with Andy cc'ed.

Thanks,

Ben

From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 10:27 AM

To: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: (b)(5)

10-4. Go ahead and send (b)(5)

Andy, if we're (b)(5) should add the following:

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From: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 10:03 AM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE (b)(5)

I have already discussed this with the (b)(5)

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From: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 10:01 AM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE (b)(5)

Thanks for putting this together, Andy. I anticipate (b)(5)
(b)(5) Ben and I will flag again for Brian S. to make this as painless as possible.

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, December 5, 2025 9:08 PM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: (b)(5)

Ben and Nick,

Attached are our proposed changes

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If its ok, or if you have no other change

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Or if you have other changes go ahead and add

them and forward.

Andy

From: Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 12/6/2025 4:33:03 PM
To: Osete, Jesus (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: Fw: (b)(5)

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From: Zandi, Matt (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Saturday, December 6, 2025 10:42:03 AM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

Didn't Jesus say to (b)(5)

Matthew Zandi

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From: (b)(6) (OLC) (b)(6)
Sent: 1/9/2026 7:13:45 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
CC: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6); Tucker, James T. (CRT) (b)(6); Mellett, Timothy F (CRT)
Subject: RE: CRT (b)(5) question

Sounds good

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 2:13 PM
To: (b)(6) (OLC) (b)(6)
Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6); Tucker, James T. (CRT) (b)(6); Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CRT (b)(5) question

How about 2:30 we'll get you out by 3?

From: (b)(6) (OLC) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 2:07 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6); Tucker, James T. (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CRT (b)(5) question

Yes, I am free anytime today or Monday. 3-3:45 PM today isn't ideal, but I could make it work if necessary, and I am completely free any other time today.

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 2:06 PM
To: (b)(6) (OLC) (b)(6)
Cc: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6); Tucker, James T. (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CRT (b)(5) question

Can we talk later today or Monday morning with the (b)(5)
(b)(5) would like to square
some stuff away before that.

From: (b)(6) (OLC) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2025 12:02 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CRT (b)(5) question

Thank you!

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2025 11:53 AM
To: (b)(6) (OLC) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: CRT voter data question

See below.

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From: Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2025 11:11 AM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CRT (b)(5) question

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From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2025 11:03 AM
To: Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: CRT (b)(5) question

Two questions on the lists we have gotten from OLC:

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From: (b)(6) (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2025 11:00 AM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CRT (b)(5) question

Hi Andrew, just want to follow up on this. One additional question: (b)(5)
(b)(5) Thanks. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Best,
(b)(6)

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 2:31 PM
To: (b)(6) (OLC) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CRT (b)(5) question

I'll check, but I think (b)(5)
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From: (b)(6) (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 2:18 PM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CRT voter data question

Thanks, appreciate it.

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

Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 2:15 PM

To: (b)(6) (OLC) (b)(6)

Subject: RE: CRT (b)(5) question

I don't know, but I have

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I can say that

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From: (b)(6) (OLC) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 2:03 PM

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

Subject: CRT (b)(5) question

Hi Andrew, I have a few questions about

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Thank you!

Best,

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Attorney-Adviser
Office of Legal Counsel

Office: (b)(6)

Cell: (b)(6)

From: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: 12/23/2025 6:45:17 PM
To: Neff, Eric (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: CRT (b)(5) question

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From: Neff, Eric (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2025 11:11 AM
To: Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: RE: CRT (b)(5) question

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From: Kagle, Kilian (CRT) (b)(6)
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Sent: 1/13/2026 5:14:23 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Oregon Briefs

Sir, for your awareness immediately below is OPCL's recommendation to (b)(5)

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From: McFarland, Andrew J. (OPCL) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:04 PM
To: Kagle, Kilian (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Winn, Peter A. (OPCL) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: Oregon Briefs

Kilian,

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Thanks, and let us know if we've missed anything with these observations.

Peter and Andrew

From: Kagle, Kilian (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 4:36 PM

To: McFarland, Andrew J. (OPCL) (b)(6)

Cc: Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) (b)(6)

Subject: FW: Oregon Briefs

Hi, Andrew. I hope you are having a healthy and happy start to your new year. CRT's VOT Section (Tim Mellett, Vot. Dep. Chief, cc'ed hereon) is running into a bit of a sticky wicket with gaining access to the individual States' voter rolls. (b)(5)

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Thank you, Andrew.

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From: Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 3:21 PM

To: Kagle, Kilian (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: Oregon Briefs

Hi Kilian,

Per our discussion, please see (b)(5)

(b)(5) Thanks,

Tim Mellett
Deputy Chief, Voting Section
U.S. Department of Justice

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Cell: (b)(6)

From: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6)
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Sent: 1/9/2026 7:22:55 PM
To: Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) (b)(6)
Subject: Draft OLC opinion

FYI – this is most recent thing we’ve got.

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Washington, DC 20002

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From: Neff, Eric (CRT) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 1/9/2026 9:00:30 PM
To: (b)(6) (OLC) (b)(6)
Subject: RE (b)(5)

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From: (b)(6) (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 3:55 PM
To: Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thanks Eric, I appreciate it. (b)(5)
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From: Neff, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 3:38 PM
To: (b)(6) (OLC) <(b)(6)>
Subject: (b)(5)

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Sent: 8/11/2025 1:44:34 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: update on data collection
Attachments: (b)(5)

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: Friday, August 8, 2025 4:20 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: update on data collection

Maureen –

Thanks for the calls yesterday and this morning. Following up on some of the action items, will you please

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and any email traffic you have

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Thank you,
Nick

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

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Sent: 8/11/2025 2:50:34 PM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) [(b)(6)]
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Thanks, John.

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

From: Buchko, John (CRT) [(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 10:50 AM
To: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Dear Ben,

Please see attached.

John

From: Mehr, Benjamin (OASG) <[(b)(6)]>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:20 AM
To: Buchko, John (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Cc: Osete, Jesus (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>
Subject: (b)(5)

John,

I met with Jesus last week and he told me to reach out to you.

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Thank you,

Ben

Sent: 7/9/2025 10:21:36 PM
To: Davis, Nick (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Okay, just so you know, Andy was running point on our EO implementation reporting generally, for months. He was amazing. But, for specific EO or enforcement stuff, we have sections. Voting is my section. Andy wouldn't necessarily know unless I told him. So, I am point for Voting. I understand now what you mean. That MOU draft is with me. My team in my section has all the letters. He does not have them. If he gets stuff for you, he is asking my team for stuff. Not the most efficient method to communicate.

Michael E. Gates
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
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Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 5:34 PM
To: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

We do not have it. I sent out a separate thread about an hour ago to Andy (and you?) asking to a copy of it along with the HAVA and NVRA letters.

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Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Nick, do you guys (b)(5) I have seen a few emails for CRT, but not another office/component. Thank you.

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Subject: RE: Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal, immigration investigations

I would recommend:

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Also flagging this similar NYT inquiry from Devlin Barrett – deadline 5pm. Let me know if you have anything

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Thank you!

I'm writing a story about the department's efforts to get voter roll data from every state.

We are told

- 1) that requests or demands for data have already gone out to more than 30 states, and the stated aim is to gather voter roll data from all 50.
- 2) that the primary, immediate purpose for gathering the data is to run it against the DHS's SAVE database, to see how many undocumented immigrants may be registered to vote or may have voted illegally.
- 3) the data gathering is being conducted by DoJ criminal division, and the civil rights division, and some is also being done by DHS
- 4) Some voting law experts have raised concerns that this is building, in essence, a national voter roll database, something that the federal government has never done before, in large part because conservatives and liberals have long thought such data could be misused. Some states have also resisted the requests on that basis.
- 5) In discussions with some states, DoJ officials have suggested that they don't need to turn over the voter roll to DoJ, as long as they "run that data" through the DHS SAVE database.
- 6) One election law expert says there is nothing wrong with DoJ asking for information about state *processes* for managing their voter rolls, but that it's likely a violation of the Privacy Act for DoJ to collect this data without proper public notice and explanation of what they are going to use it for. When this issue has been raised to DoJ, officials have said it is not a violation of the Privacy Act to collect the last four social security numbers of every voter in the country.

so my questions are:

- 1) What are the purposes of collecting voter roll data from every state, a thing that has never been done before?
- 2) What does DoJ plan to do in cases where states simply refuse to provide such data?
- 3) Besides seeking to find instances of illegal immigrants voting or registering to vote, what does DoJ intend to do with this data?
- 4) Besides the last four digits of people's social security numbers, what other types of information about voters does DoJ seek to gather?

The story will also mention that DoJ sought access last month to voting machines in Missouri, which is pretty unusual for the department. This has been reported already by others, but we are also told Missouri is not the only state where DoJ is trying to access, inspect and maybe take custody of equipment used in the 2020 election.

So my question on that point is: why is DoJ seeking to inspect voting machines from 2020, and to what degree is the voter roll data being sought from states going to be used to examine the 2020 election?

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Adding others to get their thoughts on this.

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Agree – no comment

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Please note the reporter's "asap" deadline.

Thanks!

From: Lynch, Sarah N. (Reuters) (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 11:02 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Seeking comment on plans by Civil Rights Division to transfer voter roll data to HSI for criminal, immigration investigations

Hi folks,

In addition to the other two stories I am working on, I am writing a third story I hope to run ASAP today about the DOJ Civil Rights Division's collecting of voter roll data.

In letters to the states, the CRT said it needed this data in order to ensure compliance with two civil laws- the Help America Vote Act and the National Voter Registration Act.

In an Aug 28 call with secretaries of state and their staff, Michael Gates also provided further context. He told them that the goal was to use the data to ensure states had achieved clean voter lists, and he pledged that the department would "securely and discreetly" analyze the data and provide confidential feedback. He also declined to tell states how the DOJ would analyze and compare voter registration data, but he assured them the DOJ would not do anything else with it once the testing process was complete.

However, according to my reporting, DOJ is currently in the process of planning to transfer data collected by the Civil Rights Division Voting Rights Section to HSI, which plans to run it against various law enforcement databases and use this vetted data to assist with both criminal and immigration investigations.

This plan was apparently not communicated to states, and some legal experts also told me they fear it could violate the Privacy Act and create criminal liability for the DOJ. Do you believe this requires public notice and comment under the Privacy Act?

Can the DOJ explain why it is transferring this data to HSI and why this plan was not communicated to states?

Is HSI going to be assisting the CRT with the review of voter roll maintenance somehow, as part of the division's oversight responsibilities under the Help America Vote Act and the National Voter Registration Act?

Can a DOJ civil office like this share data with a criminal office that is not even part of DOJ? What authority permits this? Why would it be the Civil Rights Division sharing this data, as opposed to the Criminal Division, which has been seeking to obtain MOUs with states in order to obtain certain voter information? Why didn't DHS request this information directly from states, if it wants to use it for law enforcement purposes?

I understand DOJ has been in communication with USCIS as it expands the SAVE database and begins to run voter registration data through the system that was voluntarily provided by certain states. What is DOJ's role in this? Is this voter verification process part of CRT's stated goal and is this effort separate from the plan to transfer data to HSI?

If there are any other points you would like to make or if there is important context I am missing, I am happy to hop on a call to discuss this matter further.

My deadline is ASAP on this story.

Best,
Sarah

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