



**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

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Control Number: COW2025005720

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Dear Kayvan Farchadi:

This is in response to Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request COW2025005720 in which United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) and plaintiff - Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) have agreed to settle and compromise the civil action captioned, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington v. Department of Homeland Security, Civ. A. No. 25-3703 (ABJ) (D.D.C.). USCIS has agreed to search and produce documents concerning the below search terms:

“Communications on or after April 22, 2025, concerning additional verification of individuals whose names were inputted in the SAVE system by users of it”; and

“Communications on or after April 22, 2025, concerning problems or errors with the SAVE system.”

USCIS may treat as unresponsive records which contain the search terms below, but are unrelated to the SAVE system.

The custodians will be:

- 1.SAVE Agency relationship managers;
- 2.HQ Customer Support (HQ CS);
- 3.SAVE.Help@uscis.dhs.gov; and
- 4.Timothy.A.Benz@uscis.dhs.gov

The search terms will be:

- 1.problem!
- 2.error!
- 3.false!
- 4.mismatch!
- 5.incorrect!
- 6.overinclusive
- 7.underinclusive
- 8.wrong!
- 9.discrepancy
- 10.inconsistent!
- 11.mistake!
- 12.inaccurate!

Images—with PII redacted—sufficient to show the full results a SAVE user receives whenever SAVE returns the following results (or their equivalent):

- 1.U.S. Citizen;
- 2.Immigration Enumerator Required – Resubmit with Additional Information;
3. No Record Found with SSA - Resubmit with Additional Information;
4. Full Social Security Number Required – Resubmit with Additional Information; and
5. Non-U.S. citizen.

USCIS will also disclose any new Privacy Threshold Analysis created after September 11, 2025, if any such analysis is in existence.

Within a reasonable time, given existing FOIA backlogs and the effect of any funding lapses impacting FOIA operations, DHS HQ will search for

- a. all formal or informal data sharing agreements between DHS and the U.S. Census Bureau through which DHS and the Census Bureau share personally identifiable information or immigration status information in effect between January 20, 2025, and the date this request is processed; and
- b. all formal or informal policies, determinations or conclusions (including underlying memoranda) concerning the data sharing agreements described in paragraph 2.a above in effect between January 20, 2025, and the date this request is processed.

This is the third and final rolling release of documents being produced according to these terms. We have completed review of 786 pages of material. We have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing the record set and have applied the FOIA exemptions as required by the statute and the Attorney General's Guidance. We are releasing 37 pages in their entirety and 749 pages in part in part. We have reviewed and have determined to release all information except those portions that are exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(c), (b)(7)(e) and (b)(7)(f) of the FOIA.

The following exemptions are applicable:

Exemption (b)(5) provides protection for inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters, which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld under this exemption may consist of documents containing pre-decisional information, documents or other memoranda prepared in contemplation of litigation, or confidential communications between attorney and client.

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files where the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, drivers' licenses, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal.

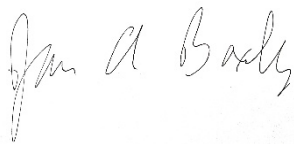
Exemption (b)(7)(C) provides protection for personal information in law enforcement records, which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We have withheld information relating to third-party individuals. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld could consist of names, addresses, identification numbers, telephone numbers, fax numbers, or various other documents that are considered personal.

Exemption (b)(7)(E) provides protection for records or information for law enforcement purposes which would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. The types of documents and/or information we have withheld could consist of law enforcement systems checks, manuals, checkpoint locations, surveillance techniques, and various other documents.

Exemption (b)(7)(F) permits the government to withhold all information about any individual when disclosure of information about him could reasonably be expected to endanger his life or physical safety. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld could consist of names, addresses, telephone numbers, source provided information, such as testimony, statements, reports, investigations, audio/video tapes, or various other documents or information withheld as to not endanger the life or physical safety of an individual.

I note that this matter is in litigation. If you have any questions on any of the matters involved in this litigation, please contact Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Levy by e-mail at Brian.Levy2@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James A. Baxley".

James A Baxley

Chief FOIA Officer

Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Unit