

May 03, 2018

Eleni Kyriakides EPIC 1718 Connecticut Ave, N.W. Suite 200 Washington, DC 20009

Dear Kyriakides:

The Department of Homeland Security has received your letter appealing the adverse determination of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Your appeal, **postmarked** *or* **electronically transmitted** on **April 25, 2018**, was received on **May 03, 2018**.

The Government Information Law Division acknowledges your appeal request of **2018-ICFO-17666** and is assigning it number **2018-ICAP-00275** for tracking purposes. Please reference this number in any future communications about your appeal.

A high number of FOIA/PA requests have been received by the Department. Accordingly, we have adopted the court-sanctioned practice of generally handling backlogged appeals on a first-in, first-out basis. While we will make every effort to process your appeal on a timely basis, there may be some delay in resolving this matter. Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your appeal, please contact the ICE FOIA Office/Public Liaison at (866) 633-1182, or by email at <a href="ice-foia@dhs.gov">ice-foia@dhs.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

/s/MCuestas for

Erin Clifford Chief Government Information Law Division ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor U.S. Department of Homeland Security

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Appeals of expedited treatment denials will be handled on an expedited basis.