



June 25, 2009

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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Papoi,

This letter constitutes a request under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and is submitted on behalf of the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC).

EPIC requests copies of the following agency records:

- 1) All agency records concerning appointments and meetings between Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer for the Department of Homeland Security, and all nongovernmental individuals or entities from the date of her appointment, March 9, 2009, to the present. Such nongovernmental individuals and entities include, but are not limited to, trade associations, industry representatives, and/or business owners. Such records include, but are not limited to, appointment books, calendars, e-mails, agendas, and letters.
- 2) All agency records concerning Ms. Callahan's appointments and meetings for May 29, 2009. Such records include, but are not limited to, appointment books, calendars, e-mails, agendas, and letters.

For purposes of FOIA fee assessments, we request that EPIC be placed in the category of "news media" requester. The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia has determined that EPIC qualifies for "news media," fee status, *EPIC v. Department of Defense*, 241 F.Supp.2d 5 (D.D.C. 2003). We also request a waiver of all processing fees, as release of this information will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the activities and operation of the government.

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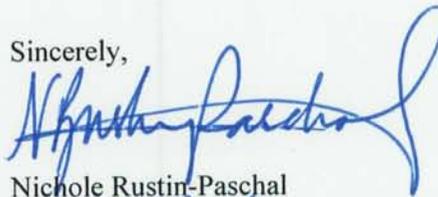
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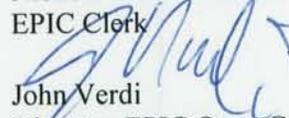
[www.epic.org](http://www.epic.org)

Thank you for your consideration of this FOIA request. As the FOIA provides, I look forward to your response within 20 working days. Should you require additional information, please contact me at 202-483-1140 or by e-mail at [Rustin-Paschal@epic.org](mailto:Rustin-Paschal@epic.org).

Sincerely,



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EPIC Clerk



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