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|                      |                |               |                                   | <p>Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the agency, I respectfully request the following: Documents sufficient to account for all finalized strategic plans for implementing Executive Order 14019 (EO 14019), or related plan documents that were submitted to Susan Rice or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) relating to implementation of EO 14019. Documents sufficient to account for the basis, criteria, and approval authority by which third party organizations will be approved to conduct voter registration activities on federal agency premises under EO 14019. Documents or lists sufficient to account for all third party organizations currently approved to conduct voter registration activities on the agency's premises. Background: E.O. 14019 directed every federal agency "to submit to the White House a plan outlining the ways the agency can promote voter registration and voter participation." (https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/1.19.22.Letter%20to%20OMB%20on%20Voting%20EO_Final.pdf). Search Instructions: Please limit all searches in response to this Request from January 1, 2021, to the present. Please include the full email chain and attachments relevant to any responsive documents to provide further context. To further narrow down the scope of the request, requester does not seek correspondence that merely forwards press clippings, such as news accounts or opinion pieces, newsletters, and published or docketed materials, if that correspondence has no comment or no substantive comment added by any party in the thread. 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The term "record" means any written, recorded, or graphic matter of any nature whatsoever, regardless of how recorded, and whether original or copy, including, but not limited to, the following: memoranda, reports, expense reports, books, manuals, instructions, financial reports, working papers, records, notes, letters, notices, confirmations, telegrams, receipts, appraisals, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, prospectuses, inter-office and intra-office communications, electronic mail (emails), MMS or SMS text messages, instant messages, messaging systems (such as iMessage, Microsoft Teams, WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal, Google Chat, Twitter direct messages, Lync, Slack, and Facebook Messenger), contracts, cables, telexes, notations of any type of conversation, telephone call, voicemail, meeting or other communication. Please comply fully with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). 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I request all records concerning all logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to your bureau/office. The logs should detail the correspondence's control number, the date it was received, what congressional office sent it and its subject. Please redact constituents' names and other personal information detailed in these logs in order to expedite this request. □</li><li>2. I request all documents related to your bureau/office's employees' ethics waivers in resolving financial conflicts of interest. These documents are maintained by federal agencies and are released to the public upon request under 18 U.S.C. 208. □</li><li>3. I request all records concerning Freedom of Information Act request logs maintained by your bureau/office. The FOIA logs should detail the request's control number, the date it was received, who made the request, what company or organization they were from and the request's subject. □</li><li>4. I request a list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by your bureau/office. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 202. □</li></ol> <p>Please consider each numbered bullet point a separate FOIA request, with each requiring its own control number and response. (Date Range for Record Search: From Feb. 1 to March 1, 2024) □</p> | Assigned       |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000105 | 03/01/2024     | 03/01/2024    | -                                 |  | Closed         |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000106 | 03/01/2024     | 03/01/2024    | -                                 |  | Closed         |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000108 | 03/02/2024     | 03/04/2024    | E&E News                          |  | Closed         |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000109 | 03/02/2024     | 03/04/2024    | E&E News                          |  | Closed         |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000110 | 03/02/2024     | 03/04/2024    | E&E News                          |  | Closed         |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000111 | 03/02/2024     | 03/04/2024    | E&E News                          |  | Closed         |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000112 | 03/06/2024     | 03/06/2024    | -                                 | Requesting the documents used by the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe in getting federal recognition (Date Range for Record Search: From 03/06/1970 To 01/01/2024)   | Assigned       |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000113 | 03/12/2024     | 03/12/2024    | Swinomish Indian Tribal Community | 7. All records that constitute, relate, or pertain to gaming by Samish Indian Nation on lands □ acquired after October 17, 1998 pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 2719.  | Closed         |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000114 | 03/12/2024     | 03/12/2024    | Holch & Erickson LLP              | Request for copies of all records pertaining to two Reservation Plan documents submitted to the Interior Department in the 1980's by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/08/1985 To 09/09/1988)   | Closed         |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000116 | 03/18/2024     | 03/18/2024    | charm city hrm inspections        | All documents relating to address: <b>REDACTED</b> ALL Liens established for property that are filed with the State of PENNSYLVANIA.   | Closed         |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000117 | 03/19/2024     | 03/19/2024    | -                                 | Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the agency, I respectfully request the following: Documents sufficient for all communications (including emails or meeting invites) between the agency and the email domains @demos.org, @electionexcellence.org, @sentencingproject.org, @aclu.org, @campaignlegal.org, @advancingjustice-aajc.org, @fairlight.com, @techandcivillife.org, @electioninnovation.org, @ndm.com, @aapd.com, @narf.org, @llw.org, @maldef.org, @fairelectioncenter.org, @civillights.org, @opensocietyfoundations.org, @takeethepjl.org, @modernelections.org, @fundscouncil.org, @newventurefund.org, @faircount.org, @brennancenter.org, @democracyfund.org, @democracyfundvoice.org, @brockthetote.org, @northfund.org, @triggervote.com mentioning 'election', 'election integrity', 'executive order', '14019', 'VRA', or 'voter registration'. Search Instructions: Please limit all searches in response to this Request from January 1, 2021, to the present. Please include the full email chain and attachments relevant to any responsive documents to provide further context. To further narrow down the scope of the request, requester does not seek correspondence that merely forwards press clippings, such as news accounts or opinion pieces, newsletters, and published or docketed materials, if that correspondence has no comment or no substantive comment added by any party in the thread. The terms "pertaining to," "referring," "relating," or "concerning" with respect to any given subject means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, reflects, identifies, states, refers to, deals with, or is in any manner whatsoever pertinent to that subject. The term "record" means any written, recorded, or graphic matter of any nature whatsoever, regardless of how recorded, and whether original or copy, including, but not limited to, the following: memoranda, reports, expense reports, books, manuals, instructions, financial reports, working papers, records, notes, letters, notices, confirmations, telegrams, receipts, appraisals, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, prospectuses, inter-office and intra-office communications, electronic mail (emails), MMS or SMS text messages, instant messages, messaging systems (such as iMessage, Microsoft Teams, WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal, Google Chat, Twitter direct messages, Lync, Slack, and Facebook Messenger), contracts, cables, telexes, notations of any type of conversation, telephone call, voicemail, meeting or other communication. Please comply fully with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). Accordingly, without limitation to the foregoing, if any portion of this request is denied for any reason, please provide written notice of the records or portions of records that are being withheld and cite each specific exemption of the Freedom of Information Act on which the agency relies. Moreover, to the extent that responsive records may be withheld in part produce all reasonably segregable portions of those records. Additionally, please provide all responsive documents even if they are redacted in full. This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes. As an investigative columnist and author, my request is in the public interest to inform the public regarding the agency's operations under issue ahead of the upcoming elections.  | Closed         |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000118 | 03/19/2024     | 03/19/2024    | -                                 | Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the agency, I respectfully request the following: Documents sufficient for all communications (including emails or meeting invites) between the agency and the email domains @demos.org, @electionexcellence.org, @sentencingproject.org, @aclu.org, @campaignlegal.org, @advancingjustice-aajc.org, @fairlight.com, @techandcivillife.org, @electioninnovation.org, @ndm.com, @aapd.com, @narf.org, @llw.org, @maldef.org, @fairelectioncenter.org, @civillights.org, @opensocietyfoundations.org, @takeethepjl.org, @modernelections.org, @fundscouncil.org, @newventurefund.org, @faircount.org, @brennancenter.org, @democracyfund.org, @democracyfundvoice.org, @brockthetote.org, @northfund.org, @triggervote.com mentioning 'election', 'election integrity', 'executive order', '14019', 'VRA', or 'voter registration'. To further narrow down the scope of the request, requester does not seek correspondence that merely forwards press clippings, such as news accounts or opinion pieces, newsletters, and published or docketed materials, if that correspondence has no comment or no substantive comment added by any party in the thread. The terms "pertaining to," "referring," "relating," or "concerning" with respect to any given subject means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, reflects, identifies, states, refers to, deals with, or is in any manner whatsoever pertinent to that subject. The term "record" means any written, recorded, or graphic matter of any nature whatsoever, regardless of how recorded, and whether original or copy, including, but not limited to, the following: memoranda, reports, expense reports, books, manuals, instructions, financial reports, working papers, records, notes, letters, notices, confirmations, telegrams, receipts, appraisals, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, prospectuses, inter-office and intra-office communications, electronic mail (emails), MMS or SMS text messages, instant messages, messaging systems (such as iMessage, Microsoft Teams, WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal, Google Chat, Twitter direct messages, Lync, Slack, and Facebook Messenger), contracts, cables, telexes, notations of any type of conversation, telephone call, voicemail, meeting or other communication. Please comply fully with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). Accordingly, without limitation to the foregoing, if any portion of this request is denied for any reason, please provide written notice of the records or portions of records that are being withheld and cite each specific exemption of the Freedom of Information Act on which the agency relies. Moreover, to the extent that responsive records may be withheld in part produce all reasonably segregable portions of those records. Additionally, please provide all responsive documents even if they are redacted in full. This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes. As an investigative columnist and author, my request is in the public interest to inform the public regarding the agency's operations under issue ahead of the upcoming elections.  | Closed         |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000119 | 03/22/2024     | 03/22/2024    | -                                 | All communications and memorandums in regard to the establishment of the Federal Acknowledgment Project, 25 CFR Part 54, of the Branch of Acknowledgement and Research (BAR) in the Bureau of Indian Affairs   | Assigned       |
| DOI-ASIA-2024-000120 | 03/22/2024     | 03/25/2024    | -                                 | A digital copy of each database in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs that lists and identifies the current American Indian Treaty obligations of the United States. This may be one or more internal databases. BIA has already told me in a formal letter that they do not track any treaty obligations.   | Closed         |

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Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the agency, I respectfully request the following: Copies of all mandatory training materials provided to agency employees, contractors, or appointees mentioning "SOGIE". Please limit the timeframe of the search from January 1, 2022 to present. I am amicable to a rolling production as records are available. To further narrow down the scope of the request, requester does not seek correspondence that merely forwards press clippings, such as news accounts or opinion pieces, newsletters, and published or docketed materials, if that correspondence has no comment or no substantive comment added by any party in the thread. Please comply fully with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). Accordingly, without limitation to the foregoing, if any portion of this request is denied for any reason, please provide written notice of the records or portions of records that are being withheld and cite each specific exemption of the Freedom of Information Act on which the agency relies. Moreover, to the extent that responsive records may be withheld in part produce all reasonably segregable portions of those records. Additionally, please provide all responsive documents even if they are redacted in full. This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes as a member of the media. As an investigative journalist and author, my request is in the public interest to inform the public with regard to governmental overreach. If you have any questions, or feel you need clarification of this request please contact me at colnaamot@protonmail.com.

Assigned

DOI-ASIA-2024-000121

03/23/2024 03/25/2024 -

Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the agency, I respectfully request the following: Copies of all documents produced in response to Congressional inquiries, Congressional subpoenas, or in response to Congressional communications with the agency, from October 1, 2023 to present. Copies of all documents produced from the agency to any Congressional Committee or personal office from October 1, 2023 to present. Additionally, please exclude any documents that would be considered casework on behalf of a singular constituent to/from a Congressional office. I request all responsive documents be delivered electronically, via email. The primary custodian to search would be the Office of Legislative Affairs or the Agency's equivalent (Office of Congressional Affairs, etc.). I am amicable to a rolling production as records are available. To further narrow down the scope of the request, requester does not seek correspondence that merely forwards press clippings, such as news accounts or opinion pieces, newsletters, and published or docketed materials, if that correspondence has no comment or no substantive comment added by any party in the thread. Please comply fully with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). Accordingly, without limitation to the foregoing, if any portion of this request is denied for any reason, please provide written notice of the records or portions of records that are being withheld and cite each specific exemption of the Freedom of Information Act on which the agency relies. Moreover, to the extent that responsive records may be withheld in part produce all reasonably segregable portions of those records. Additionally, please provide all responsive documents even if they are redacted in full. This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes as a member of the media. As an investigative journalist and author, my request is in the public interest to inform the public with regard to governmental overreach. If you have any questions, or feel you need clarification of this request please contact me at colnaamot@protonmail.com.

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Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the agency, I respectfully request the following: Any filed complaints, disciplinary actions, human resources disputes, litigation notices, or settlements (or settlement negotiations) for or against any SES employees, GS-15 employees, or any appointees (including Schedule C or detailed Appointees) from January 1, 2022 to present. I request all responsive documents be delivered electronically, via email. The primary custodian to search would be the Office of General Counsel (or the Agency's equivalent) or the Agency's Office of Human Resources (or the Agency's equivalent). I am amicable to a rolling production as records are available. To further narrow down the scope of the request, requester does not seek correspondence that merely forwards press clippings, such as news accounts or opinion pieces, newsletters, and published or docketed materials, if that correspondence has no comment or no substantive comment added by any party in the thread. Please comply fully with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). Accordingly, without limitation to the foregoing, if any portion of this request is denied for any reason, please provide written notice of the records or portions of records that are being withheld and cite each specific exemption of the Freedom of Information Act on which the agency relies. Moreover, to the extent that responsive records may be withheld in part produce all reasonably segregable portions of those records. Additionally, please provide all responsive documents even if they are redacted in full. This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes as a member of the media. As an investigative journalist and author, my request is in the public interest to inform the public with regard to governmental overreach. If you have any questions, or feel you need clarification of this request please contact me at colnaamot@protonmail.com.

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DOI-ASIA-2024-000123

03/24/2024 03/25/2024 -

[Reference FGI# 24- 84715 ] Relevant to INA10PX75220 / OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OPERATIONAL SUPPORT CONTRACT [SKYLINE ULTD INC], we seek copies of the following:

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Bidders list   
Contract with SOW/PWS and Mods   
Labor Categories   
Proposal if incorporated   
Solicitation/RFP with Attachments & Exhibits

CLEARLY RELEASABLE OK, \$100 FEE APPROVAL

We request records related to:

Communications with the Menominee Tribe or its representatives regarding placing land into trust or an Indian Lands Opinion in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Communications with the Seminole Tribe of Florida or its representatives regarding placing land into trust for the Menominee Tribe or an Indian Lands Opinion in Kenosha, Wisconsin

Meetings, in person, or by phone or other device, with any representative of AS-IA by the Menominee Tribe or its representatives related to placing land into trust or an Indian Lands Opinion in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Assigned

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Meetings, in person, or by phone or other device, with the Seminole Tribe of Florida or its representatives related to placing land into trust for the Menominee Tribe or an Indian Lands Opinion in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Applications, draft applications, additions and amendments to applications to place land into trust or requests for an Indian Lands Opinion for land in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Any documents or records received or generated by the AS-IA Office related to a fee-to-trust application or Indian Lands Opinion in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Weekly Report of pending fee to trust applications developed by the Office of Indian Gaming.

Status of all fee to trust applications pending before the AS-IA office.

(Data Range for Record Search: From 05/04/2023 To 03/28/2024)

On Hold-Need Info/Clarification

DOI-ASIA-2024-000127

03/29/2024 03/29/2024 -

The Bureau of Indian Affairs "Mission Statement" published on its website before the current "Our Mission" statement.

Dear FOIA Officer

Liberty Unyielding (a news media entity for purposes of 32 C.F.R. 2402.8 & 32 C.F.R. 2402.3(c)) and the Bader Family Foundation (a non-profit 501(c)(3)) hereby request the following records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA):

1. All communications from November 1, 2021 to the date you process this request, with the Interagency Working Group on Indigenous Knowledge, or with the Interagency Working Group on Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge, or with any interagency working group on indigenous knowledge created in 2021.

2. All drafts of Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Indigenous Knowledge, a memorandum for heads of federal departments and agencies that was dated on or around November 30, 2022.

3. All communications in October, November, or December of 2022 about guidance for federal departments and agencies on indigenous knowledge.

Closed

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03/10/2024 03/20/2024 Liberty Unyielding & Bader Family Foundation

Please produce the records in electronic form, including any metadata embedded in them. We request that fees not be charged for anything other than duplication (and also not for the copying costs of the first 100 pages of duplication) because Liberty Unyielding is a blog that qualifies as news media. Since 2012, Liberty Unyielding has published daily, contains tens of thousands of articles, and has tens of thousands of readers monthly. See <https://www.similarweb.com/website/libertyunyielding.com> (showing blog has tens of thousands of readers monthly); ><https://libertyunyielding.com>< (front page of blog); ><https://libertyunyielding.com/page/825/>< (showing 825th page of articles).

Courts ruled that organizations that blogged qualified as news media entities, even though they blogged less than Liberty Unyielding has. See, e.g., Cause of Action v. FTC, 799 F.3d 1108 (D.C. Cir. 2015). Liberty Unyielding's content is read and quoted by other media entities. See, e.g., Editorial, Democrats need voters to forget the economy and other commentary, New York Post, July 8, 2019, available at <https://nypost.com/2019/07/08/democrats-need-voters-to-forget-the-economy-and-other-commentary/> (quoting "Hans Bader" of "Liberty Unyielding"). Liberty Unyielding and I have posted records obtained through FOIA requests, resulting in news stories by other media such as the Daily Wire.

I declare under penalty of perjury under 28 U.S.C. 1746 that the facts stated above are true and correct.

Sincerely,

Hans Bader, Writer, Liberty Unyielding; Trustee, Bader Family Foundation

Total No of Requests :21