

October 13, 2022

Via U.S.P.S. Priority Mail

Sabrina Burroughs, (DHS-CBP)
FOIA DIVISION
90 K Street, NE
Washington, DC 20229

**RE: SECOND REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FOIA REQUEST AND
NARROWING OF FOIA REQUEST FOR RECORDS RELATED TO THE
DEDICATED DOCKET PROGRAM**

Dear FOIA Officer:

I write to follow up on a FOIA request sent to your office on July 12, 2022. *See* attached original correspondence. On September 6, 2022, I sent an inquiry asking for an acknowledgment of the FOIA request and a request for responsive records. *See* attached correspondence. To date (over 90 days later), I have not received a single responsive document, let alone an acknowledgment of the FOIA request.

Despite this failure to acknowledge or respond, I am now writing to narrow the request as is consistent with an offer to narrow a similar FOIA request filed with the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) and with the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (DHS-ICE).

The requestor modifies the original request and seeks the following records¹ prepared, received, transmitted, collected, and/or maintained by the Department of Homeland Security, and specifically the sub agency, Customs and Border Protection (CBP):

All records from January 2021 through the present that include the term “Dedicated Docket,” *that were created by or sent from the following individuals/positions within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS-CBP):*

¹ The term “records” as used herein includes all records or communications preserved in electronic or written form, including but not limited to correspondence, documents, data, videotapes, e-mails, faxes, files, guidance, guidelines, evaluations, instructions, analyses, memoranda, agreements, notes, orders, policies, procedures, protocols, reports, rules, manuals, technical specifications, training materials, and studies.

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1. Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
2. Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
3. Directors, Field Office Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for all field offices located at the Southwest Border.²
4. Deputy Directors, Field Office Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for all field offices located at the Southwest Border³

As was indicated in the original request, Requestor *does not* request the record of proceedings, immigration court files, or other records of individual noncitizens' removal proceedings. Requestor also *does not* request EOIR database records.

The Requestor renews its request for a fee waiver or reduction of all costs as well as expedited processing.

I trust that this limitation and narrowing of senders/recipients will allow the agency to promptly review and release records within 20 days as is statutorily required.

Please send responsive records to:

Lisa Weissman-Ward
Stanford Law School Immigrants' Rights Clinic
559 Nathan Abbott Way
Stanford, CA 94305
or

² The Department of Justice Announcement regarding the Dedicated Docket, dated May 28, 2021, states that placement on the Dedicated Docket is limited to "certain families who arrive between ports of entry at the Southwest Border." <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/dhs-and-doj-announce-dedicated-docket-process-more-efficient-immigration-hearings>. For the purpose of this request, we only request documents created by or sent by the Director of any Field Office that is located along the "Southwest Border" as is specifically described in the DOJ Announcement. This includes: San Diego, El Centro, Yuma, Tucson, El Paso, Big Bend, Del Rio, Laredo, and Rio Grande Valley. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters-by-component>. In the event that there are Field Offices identifying cases to be placed on the Dedicated docket beyond those listed, this request asks for records from Directors of those locations as well.

³ See FN2. This request asks for documents created by or sent by the Deputy Director of the Field Offices located at the "Southwest Border," including: San Diego, El Centro, Yuma, Tucson, El Paso, Big Bend, Del Rio, Laredo, and Rio Grande Valley. In the event that there are Field Offices identifying cases to be placed on the Dedicated docket beyond those listed, this request asks for records from Deputy Directors of those locations as well.

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Thank you for your attention. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at lweissmanward@law.stanford.edu or 650-724-7396.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Weissman-Ward", followed by a horizontal line.

Lisa Weissman-Ward, Stanford Law School
Immigrants' Rights Clinic, Attorney
On Behalf of the Justice and Diversity Center of
The Bar Association of San Francisco