

June 22, 2022

Via electronic mail

US Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th St., SW
Washington, DC 20410
FOIA@hud.gov

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 *et seq.*, we are requesting copies of all records, including but not limited to emails, letters, and calendar entries, reflecting or relating to communications with or documents provided by:

1. Members of Congress or their staff, which relate to or were relied upon in preparing memo from Marcia L. Fudge, HUD Secretary, to Principal Staff, Subject: Eliminating Barriers That May Unnecessarily Prevent Individuals with Criminal Histories from Participating in HUD Programs (April 12, 2022) (hereinafter, the “HUD Memo”).¹
2. Other federal agencies, which relate to or were relied upon in preparing the HUD Memo.
3. Non-governmental entities, including but not limited to consumer advocacy groups, which relate to or were relied upon in preparing the HUD Memo.
4. Members of Congress or their staff, which relate to or were relied upon in preparing posting titled *Tenant Screening With Criminal Background Checks: Predictions And Perceptions Are Not Causality* (May 17, 2022) (hereinafter, the “HUD Posting”).²
5. Other federal agencies, which relate to or were relied upon in preparing the HUD Posting.
6. Non-governmental entities, including but not limited to consumer advocacy groups, which relate to or were relied upon in preparing the HUD Posting.

¹ Available at https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/Main/documents/Memo_on_Criminal_Records.pdf.

² Available at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/pdredge/pdr-edge-frm-asst-sec-051722.html>.

As you know, FOIA requires agencies to release information unless it is specifically exempt from disclosure, and also requires agencies to release all reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of records, i.e., to redact exempt portions of records and release the rest. We request that you provide us with complete and accurate copies of all nonexempt material requested.

This is a commercial request. We agree to pay reasonable search and reproduction costs. However, if these costs exceed \$250, we request that you notify us before reproducing the documents.

We understand that we can expect a response within 20 days of your receipt of this letter. We prefer electronic copies of the documents, but if courier or overnight delivery is necessary, please contact us for delivery or pickup information.

Please send the materials to:

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Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 715-2010 or email me at fconlon@hudco.com.

Sincerely,

/s/
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