

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

VIA ONLINE PORTAL

October 1, 2021

Food and Drug Administration  
Division of Freedom of Information  
Office of the Secretariat, OC  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1035  
Rockville, MD 20857

*Re: Lead Stories Emails with the FDA (IR#0564)*

Dear Sir or Madam:

This firm represents the Informed Consent Action Network (“ICAN”). On behalf of ICAN, please provide the following records to [foia@sirillp.com](mailto:foia@sirillp.com) in electronic form:

**Please provide a copy of the entire email chain for any email between any FDA official and any representative of Lead Stories on September 22, 2021, including the entire email chain between the FDA and a representative of Lead Stories on September 22, 2021 referenced in the article located at the following link: <https://leadstories.com/hoax-alert/2021/09/fact-check-the-covid-vaccine-redacted-ingredient-is-not-mysterious-it's-salt-water.html>.**

We ask that you waive any and all fees or charges pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(iii). ICAN is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to raise public awareness about vaccine safety and to provide the public with information to give informed consent. As part of its mission, ICAN actively investigates and disseminates information regarding vaccine safety issues, including through its website, and through press events and releases. ICAN is seeking the information in this FOIA request to allow it to contribute to the public understanding of the government’s vaccine safety programs, including the government’s efforts to promote vaccine safety. The information ICAN is requesting will not contribute to any commercial activities.

Please note that the FOIA provides that if only portions of a requested file are exempted from release, the remainder must still be released. We, therefore, request that we be provided with all non-exempt portions which are reasonably segregable. We further request that you describe any deleted or withheld material in detail and specify the statutory basis for the denial as well as

your reasons for believing that the alleged statutory justification applies. Please also separately state your reasons for not invoking your discretionary powers to release the requested documents in the public interest. Such statements may help to avoid unnecessary appeal and litigation. ICAN of course reserves all rights to appeal the withholding or deletion of any information.

Access to the requested records should be granted within twenty (20) business days from the date of your receipt of this letter. Failure to respond in a timely manner shall be viewed as a denial of this request and ICAN may immediately file an administrative appeal.

If you would like to discuss our requests or any issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact me at (212) 532-1091 or via email at [foia@sirillp.com](mailto:foia@sirillp.com) during normal business hours. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Gabrielle G. Palmer  
Gabrielle G. Palmer, Esq.