



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Secretary

Office of the

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20201

Refer to: Request Number **2018-00714-FOIA-OS**

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Sent via email: khertz@sirillp.com

Mr. Aaron Siri
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Seventeen Floor
New York, NY 10166

Dear Mr. Siri,

This letter is the final response to your March 12, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Specifically, you requested the following records: “Requesting copies of all reports transmitted to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate by the Secretary of HHS pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §300aa-27(c).”

First, I apologize for the delay in responding to your request as we have a huge backlog of files.

The Immediate Office of the Secretary (IOS) conducted a search and reports there were no records responsive to your request.

A copy of your request is being referred to, National Institutes of Health, Federal Drug Administration, and the Center for Disease Control. Please be advised the referenced offices will respond to you directly.

While we believe an adequate search of the appropriate files was conducted for records requested, you have the right to appeal this finding that no responsive records exist within HHS. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency’s decision.

Please mark the correspondence, “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” Your appeal must be transmitted within 90 days from the date of receipt of this letter to:

Ms. Carol Maloney
Deputy Agency of Chief FOIA Officer
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
HHS.ACFO@hhs.gov

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the HHS FOIA Public Liaison for assistance:

HHS FOIA/PA Public Liaison
FOI/Privacy Acts Division
Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (ASPA)
Office of the Secretary (OS)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Telephone: (202) 690-7453
Fax: (202) 690-8320
E-mail: [HHS FOIA Public Liaison@hhs.gov](mailto:HHS_FOIA_Public_Liaison@hhs.gov)

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Toll-Free: 1-877-684-6448
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Sincerely yours,

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