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Michael A. Maguire
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2014-005607

Mr. Maguire,

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, identified above, dated July 14, 2015, filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Your request asks if the information which you had previously requested on April 15, 2014, is available to President Obama, Senator Schumer (NY) and Senator Gillibrand (NY).

Your request is not a proper request for documents under FOIA as it poses a question to the EPA and does not reasonably define a set of records subject to search, and prevents the records custodian(s) from identifying the records you are seeking with any degree of specificity. The EPA is not obligated to answer questions posed as FOIA requests.

If you wish to file a request for records under the FOIA, EPA regulations state that "whenever possible requesters should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipient, and subject matter" and also that "[t]he more specific you are about the records or type of records you want, the more likely EPA will be able to identify and locate records responsive to your request." 40 C.F .R. § 2.103(c). In order to reasonably identify the records you seek, you should identify the records with particular specificity.

Therefore EPA cannot process your request at this time. You may contact Lauren Lemley, 202-564-1290 to clarify your request or you may withdraw and resubmit your request with sufficient specificity to allow EPA to search for responsive records. Please be aware that if we have not heard from you within 30 days of the date of this letter, we will assume that you are no longer interested in pursuing your request, and this file will be administratively closed.

We are writing to you to attempt to clarify the scope of your request. However, if you consider this to be a denial, you may appeal this determination to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822 T), Washington, D.C., 20460 (U.S. Postal Service only), or via email at HQ.FOIA@epa.gov, or

through EPA's FOIAonline system. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6146J, Washington, D.C. 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30calendar days from the date of this letter. The EPA will not consider appeals made after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the FOIA number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

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