

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

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Tracking No: OGE FOIA FY 19/057

Dear Ms. Lerner:

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is granting your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which was received by the OGE FOIA Office on April 19, 2019. In your request, you asked for “copies of all year-end status reports OGE sent to Designated Agency Ethics Officials on or before April 19, 2019 regarding the processing of 2018 annual public financial disclosure reports required to be transmitted to OGE.” Because OGE sent the same letter to all agencies, you agreed to limit your request to one sample letter, which is enclosed.

I trust that this information fully satisfies your request. If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-482-9267. As OGE’s FOIA Public Liaison, I am available for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes.

The OGE official responsible for this FOIA determination is the undersigned. If you consider this response to be a denial of your request, you may administratively appeal this determination in accordance with the FOIA, as codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), and OGE’s updated FOIA regulations, at 5 C.F.R. § 2604.304, to the Program Counsel, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005-3917. Any such appeal must be in writing and must be sent within 90 days of the date you receive this response letter. If you do appeal, you should include copies of your request and this response, together with a statement of why you believe this initial determination is in error. Also, if you appeal, you should clearly indicate on the envelope and in the letter that it is a “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Sincerely,

Rachel Dowell McRae
OGE FOIA Officer

Enclosure

