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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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Jason Leopold
VICE News
1669 Benedict Canyon Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Re: FOIA-2015-00391
FOIA Improvement Act documents

Dear Mr. Leopold:

This is in response to your request dated January 6, 2015, under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to "any and all records, including but not limited to, emails, memos, letters, transcripts, in possession of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) mentioning or referring to the FOIA Improvement Act (S.2520), FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act of 2014 (FOIA Act, H.R. 1211) and/or FOIA reform and or Congressional efforts to reform the Freedom of Information Act. Moreover, I request any and all communications between any FTC official (that is an [sic] person employed by FTC) and any member of Congress and the Senate in which the FOIA Improvement Act (S.2520), FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act of 2014 (FOIA Act, H.R. 1211) and/or FOIA reforms and or Congressional efforts to reform the Freedom of Information Act during 2013 and 2014 was discussed." In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records as of January 7, 2015, the date we received your request in our FOIA office.

Your request did not indicate an agreement to pay any fees associated with the processing of your request. However, the Commission's fee regulations specify that fees less than \$25 will be waived. *See* 16 C.F.R. § 4.8(b)(4). Because the fees associated with the processing of your request did not exceed \$25, we have processed your request free of charge. In the future, please provide a fee agreement to facilitate the processing of your request.

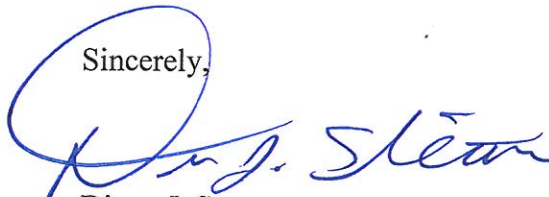
We located approximately 70 pages of responsive records. I am granting partial access to 28 pages the accessible records. Portions of these pages fall within the exemptions to the FOIA's disclosure requirements, as explained below and some pages have been withheld in full.

Some responsive records contain staff analyses, opinions, and recommendations. Those portions are deliberative and pre-decisional and are an integral part of the agency's decision-making process. They are exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements by FOIA Exemption 5.5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). *See NLRB v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132 (1975). Additionally, some records contain information prepared by an attorney in contemplation of litigation, which is exempt under the attorney work-product privilege. *See Hickman v. Taylor*, 329 U.S. 495, 509-10 (1947).

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may appeal by writing to Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20580, within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response. If you believe that we should choose to disclose additional materials beyond what the FOIA requires, please explain why this would be in the public interest.

If you have any questions about the way we handled your request or about the FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Anna Murray at 202-326-2820.

Sincerely,



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