Dear Mr. Yost:

This is in response to your request dated September 18, 2015 under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to all complaints filed against Trump University LLC, Trump Entrepreneur Initiative LLC, and Trump Organization LLC. You also requested access to the product of any and all previous public records requests “mentioning Donald J. Trump or individuals or entities acting on his behalf.”

A previous FOIA request for records pertaining to complaints against “Trump University” and “Trump Entrepreneur Initiative” resulted in 36 complaints filed up until October 24, 2013. Therefore, we have searched our records from October 25, 2013 through September 18, 2015, the date we received your request in our FOIA office.

We have located approximately eight (8) additional responsive complaints that consumers have made to the FTC. I am granting partial access to the accessible records. Portions of these pages fall within the exemptions to the FOIA’s disclosure requirements, as explained below.

I am denying access to consumers’ names and addresses, and any other identifying information found in the complaints. This information is exempt from release under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because individuals’ right to privacy outweighs the general public’s interest in seeing personal identifying information. See The Lakin Law Firm v. FTC, 352 F.3d 1122 (7th Cir. 2003).

Be advised that the enclosed complaints have not necessarily been verified by the FTC. Therefore, you should make your own judgment about relying on the information provided. Also, be advised that the FTC website www.ftc.gov may hold additional documents responsive to your request. We encourage you to search our website for publicly-available FTC documents that may be responsive to your request.

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 Shelley M. O’Hara at (202) 326-2072.

Sincerely,

Dione J. Stearns
Assistant General Counsel

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