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Freedom of Information Act Request Office of General Counsel Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580

## FEDERAL TRADE COMM'N RECV'D August 09, 2017 FOIA BRANCH GENERAL COUNSEL

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request that a copy of the following document(s) be provided to me:

Records of all checks sent to the nearly 350,000 victims in the Herbalife \$200 million settlement with the FTC. The records can be anonymous if necessary, but of interest to me is the following information:

- 1) The location (i.e., ZIP code) of the victim
- 2) The (first) name of the victim. The full name if possible
- 3) The size (dollar value) of his or her individual settlement check
- 4) The date/year that the individual was a distributor (if available)
- 5) The dollar amount of losses the individual incurred, which determines his or her settlement check, i.e. their assessment of losses (if possible)
- 6) Finally, I would like to request the full list of all Herbalife distributors that the FTC reviewed in determining the settlement, 350,000 victims were sent settlements, out of how many total distributors? Would it be possible to have the above information (or to the extent that is possible) on the entire population of distributors reviewed by the FTC?

It would be ideal if this was contained in a single data file, rather than each individual check.

More information is cited in this FTC press release:

https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2017/01/ftc-sends-checks-nearly-350000-victims-herbalifes-multi-level

In order to help determine fees, you should know that I am an individual (US citizen), and currently employed at a university in Germany.

I am willing to pay fees up to \$250. If you expect the fees will exceed this, please contact me before proceeding.

Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of public corporations and is not primarily in my commercial interest. I am an academic researcher in finance, and interested in pursuing research on consumer financial protection and MLM companies.

If you need to discuss this request, I can be reached at by email (where I can return a call) . Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,