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Re: FOIA-2017-00796
Google complaints (anti-competitive practices)

Dear Mr. Sankin:

This is in response to your request dated April 18, 2017, under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to all consumer complaints since 2012 regarding Google Anti-competitive practices. In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records, as of April 19, 2017, the date we received your request in our FOIA office.

Enclosed are 16 responsive complaints that consumers have sent to the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”). You should know 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. 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).

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 90 days of the date of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from the FTC FOIA Public Liaison Richard Gold via telephone at 202-326-3355 or via e-mail at rgold@ftc.gov; or from the Office of Government Information Services via e-mail at ogis@nara.gov, via fax at 202-741-5769, or via mail at Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740.
If you have any questions about the way we handled your request, or about our FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Anna Murray at (202) 326-2820.

Sincerely,

Dione J. Stearns
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Att: Excel spreadsheet