



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20580

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Sent via Email

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Re: FOIA-2026-00153

Dear Tracie McMillan:

This is a response from the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) to your Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request dated December 11, 2025, seeking access to a list of the contacts at 13 property management software providers—including name, title, and company—that were sent a letter/email on December 8 regarding advertising total leasing prices.

In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we used appropriate methods to carry out a reasonable, good faith search for responsive records beginning on January 20, 2026. *See Iturralde v. Comptroller of Currency*, 315 F.3d 311, 315 (D.C. Cir. 2003); *see also e.g. Morley v. CIA*, 508 F.3d 1108, 1114 (D.C. Cir. 2007). We have located one page of responsive records. Under the FOIA foreseeable harm standard, we reasonably foresee that disclosure of one page of responsive records would harm an interest protected by one or more of the FOIA exemptions applied. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A)(i). Therefore, we are releasing one page of responsive records and withholding portions of the records based on the reasons explained below.

Some responsive records contain staff analysis, 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).

Some responsive records contain personally identifiable information. 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).

Because the fees associated with the processing of your request did not exceed \$25, we have processed your request free of charge.

Please note that a detailed description of each record located is not required unless the requester has exhausted all administrative remedies and pursued litigation in the federal district court. *See Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973); *see also, e.g., Jud. Watch, Inc. v. Clinton*, 880 F. Supp. 1, 11 (D.D.C. 1995). At the administrative stage of the FOIA process, the agency's response to a FOIA request need only provide “the reasons” for its determination, which include, “most obviously, the specific exemptions that may apply.” 5 U.S.C. §

Tracie McMillan

January 27, 2026

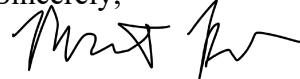
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552(a)(6)(A)(i); *see also Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington v. FEC*, 711 F.3d 180, 186 (D.C. Cir. 2013).

If you have any questions about the way we handled your request or about the FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Chip Taylor at wtaylor1@ftc.gov. 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, NW, Washington, DC 20580, or via email at FOIAAppeal@ftc.gov, 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 email at ogis@nara.gov, via fax at 202-741-5769, or via mail at National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740. Please note that the FOIA Public Liaison's role relates to comments, questions, or concerns that a FOIA Requester may have with or about the FOIA Response. The FOIA Public Liaison's role does not relate to taking action in matters of private controversy nor can they resolve individual complaints.

Sincerely,



Margaret Horn

Acting Assistant General Counsel

Attachment(s)