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February 7, 2013

Mr. William Wilson c/o Nathan Paul Mehrens General Counsel Americans for Limited Government 9900 Main Street – Suite 303 Fairfax, VA 22031

FOIA Request Number: 2012-02-097

Dear Mr. Mehrens:

This letter acknowledges that on December 19, 2012, the Office of the Chief Counsel received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request under 5 U.S.C. 552 to obtain a copy of records on employees serving in a full-time "official-time" position for an exclusive representative (union) from January 20, 2012 and after.

Every year the BEP ceases all operations except essential services during the period between Christmas and New Year's Federal holidays, also known as the Year-End shutdown (YES). Due to the YES Program, the Office of the Chief Counsel was not able to process FOIA/PA requests during that time period (December 22-January 1). In addition, on February 4, 2013, an additional four days in which to process your request was sought.

Pursuant to your request, we are forwarding electronically BEP's records responsive to your request. An e-mail notification that you have received the response is requested.

In accordance with 31 C.F.R. 1.7, there are no fees charged for the first two hours of search and review time for requesters that fall in the non-commercial "other" categories. As a result, no fees were charged in this search.

Sincerely Nichole Jenkins Washington

**Disclosure** Officer