

United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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Re:

FOIA-2012-00799

Gemtronics, Inc., et al. expenditures

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This is in partial response to your request dated April 16, 2012 under the Freedom of Information Act, seeking access to information regarding expenditures in the matter of Gemtronics, Inc.. In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records, as of April 16, 2012, the date we received your request in our FOIA office.

We have located and reviewed 52 pages of responsive records this far. We hope to complete our review within the coming weeks, at which point we will send a further response. You are granted partial access to the responsive records, which are enclosed.

I am denying access to all personal identifying information found in these documents. 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 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 are handling your request or about the FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Andrea Kelly at (202) 326-2836.

Sincerely,

Dione J. Stearns

Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures