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December 9, 2011

Kathy Ray U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE W94-122 Washington, DC 20590

Via email to: ost.foia@dot.gov

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

Dear Ms. Ray:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 et seq., I request on behalf of Americans for Limited Government (ALG) copies of the records described below. I am hereby requesting copies of the following federal records pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(2):

All communications between the Department of Transportation (Department) and Congressman Fred Upton, Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Please provide copies of any such records that were created on or after January 1, 2011.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), please advise my counsel, whose contact information is listed below, within 20 days whether you will comply with this request and provide the documents.

I work for Americans for Limited Government, but am not seeking this information for any commercial use. Disclosure of such information is in the public interest as it would likely contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government. I therefore request that any fees associated with this request be waived in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), or at least be limited in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II). I would also request that if you deny the fee waiver, that I be notified in advance.

To the extent that you deny any part of this request, please cite specific exemptions to FOIA that you believe justifies your denial. In addition, for any documents withheld by the agency, please provide a description containing the information that would be required by Vaughn v. Rosen, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974).

Please send the requested records to the following address:

Nathan Paul Mehrens Counsel Americans for Limited Government 9900 Main Street Suite 303 Fairfax, VA 22031

If you have any questions regarding this FOIA request please contact Nathan Paul Mehrens at nathan@getliberty.org.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

William Wilson

President