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Joseph J. Plick
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Office of the Solicitor, Room N-2428
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

Via email to: foiarequest@dol.gov

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

Dear Mr. Plick:

I am hereby requesting copies of the following documents from the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of the Secretary under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(2):

- (1) Copies of all contracts between the Department and outside legal counsel;
 - (A) Copies of all correspondence between the Department and outside legal counsel regarding the performance of legal work for the Department, excluding privileged attorney work product;
- (2) Copies of all contracts between the Department and contractors who have been engaged to work on regulatory issues including rule writing; and
 - (B) Copies of all correspondence between the Department and contractors regarding the performance of such contracts.

I am seeking all such documents that were created between January 20, 2009 and the present.

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:

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If you have any questions regarding these FOIA requests please contact Nathan Paul Mehrens at 703.383.0880.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



William Wilson
President