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Below is a FOIA request that I faxed in yesterday. I'm told you haven't received it so I am trying to submit it here. Can you please confirm that you received this?

Thank you,

Michael Grabell
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Department of Energy

Freedom of Information Act Office

1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Via fax: 202-586-0575

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting all travel vouchers and expense reports associated with the following trips:

6/2/09 - Fort Wayne, IN - Secretary Chu visit to discuss federal recovery efforts for auto communities, to tour Water Furnace International and to discuss the implementation of the Recovery Act at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

5/26/09 - Denver, CO - Meeting of the White House Middle Class Task Force.

5/12/09 - Charlestown, MA - Secretary Chu press conference with Gov. Patrick for major announcement of new funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The trip also included remarks for MIT's Compton Lecture Series.

4/29/09 - Golden, CO - Secretary Chu visit to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory to announce plans to provide $93 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to



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support further development of wind energy.

3/23/09 - Upton, NY - Secretary Chu visit to Brookhaven National Laboratory to announce $1.2 billion in new science funding for major construction, laboratory infrastructure and research efforts.

2/27/09 - Philadelphia, PA - Secretary Chu trip to announce partnership with Energy Department to coordinate weatherization efforts.

Please note that I would like to receive the information in electronic format if it is available. I can accept it in several formats (pdf, doc, xls, etc.) and can accept the data on a variety of media (CD-ROM, e-mail attachment, etc.). If you send a database of any sort, please include the data dictionary, record layout, code sheet or any other documentation necessary to interpret the data.

I am requesting expedited processing of this request, as there is an urgency to inform the public and I am a person primarily engaged in disseminating information about federal government activity for the public's benefit. President Obama has spoken frequently about the inherently transparent nature of all decisions related to the stimulus package and the urgency of getting information out to the public.

In order to help determine my status to assess fees, you should know I am a reporter for ProPublica, an independent, non-profit newsroom that produces investigative journalism in the public interest, based in New York.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information that is of current interest to the public because this information is being sought for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

Because time is very much a factor, I ask that you communicate with me by telephone or e-mail if you have any questions. My phone number is 917-512-0217, and my e-mail address is michael.grabell@propublica.org. To save time and cost, please e-mail the records if possible.

If you deny any part of this request, please cite each specific reason that you think justifies your refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for your assistance with my request.

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