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Kevin Hagerty
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Washington, D.C. 20585

**FOIA REQUEST**

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of monies that have been made available to the Virgin Islands for energy programs between the years of 2003- 2008. I am an MBS student at Hodges University and doing research on energy programs and energy costs in the Virgin Islands where I am a current resident. I am looking for historical information on funds provided by the DOE to the Virgin Islands (all three islands inclusive, or any of these islands specifically, St. Croix, St. Thomas, or St. John) on any energy subsidies or tax exemptions specifically to the Virgin Islands or that the Virgin Islands could use during this period. This would include monies provided for alternative energy programs, for reliability improvements, for support of existing energy infrastructure, for heat rate improvement programs, etc.... I am looking for funds made available (dollars) by year and by program name.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed $100. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a scholar and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Raquel Ruiz-Castaneda

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