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Record Description:

Please provide me with copies of financial disclosure forms for employees who file financial disclosure forms with the department. from July 1, 2008 - to present

Preferred Form or Format: Electronic

Type of Requester (if provided):

A representative of the news media affiliated with ProPublica and the request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

Type of Media (if provided):

Other: Online organization

Fees and Fee Waivers:

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

Waiver or Reduction of Fees Factors (if provided):

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

The records concern the operations or activities of the government because they relate to potential conflicts of interest of government employees.

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

The information is "like to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities because it will inform the public about any possible conflicts of interest for government employees.

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

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4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

The records will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations or activities by illuminating the relationships between government and the private sector.

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

There is no commercial interest.

6. The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

There is no commerical interest.

Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing:

7/8 - Spoke to requestr, she stated time frame from July 1, 2008 to present. Aom