

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

**VIA EMAIL**

April 29, 2020

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Freedom of Information Act Officer  
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*Re: Barney Graham Emails Regarding COVID-19, November 2019 – Present (IR#0280)*

Dear Mr. Garcia-Malene:

This firm represents the Informed Consent Action Network (“ICAN”). On behalf of ICAN, please provide the following records to [foia@sirillp.com](mailto:foia@sirillp.com) in electronic form:

**All emails sent or received by Barney Graham between November 1, 2019 and the present that include the term SARS-CoV, COVID, COVID-19 or coronavirus in any portion of the email, including the body, subject, metadata, sender line, or recipient line of the email, or any attachment to the email.**

Fees and charges for this search are to be waived pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(iii) since ICAN is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization and its mission is to raise public awareness about public health safety and provide the public with information to give informed consent regarding related health interventions. As part of its mission, ICAN investigates and disseminates information regarding public health safety issues, including through their website, and through press events and releases. ICAN is seeking the information in this FOIA request to allow it to contribute to its mission. The information requested in this FOIA request will not contribute to any commercial activities.

Please note that the FOIA provides that if only portions of a requested file are exempted from release, the remainder must still be released. We, therefore, request that we be provided with all non-exempt portions which are reasonably segregable. We further request that you describe any deleted or withheld material in detail and specify the statutory basis for the denial as well as your reasons for believing that the alleged statutory justification applies. Please also separately

state your reasons for not invoking your discretionary powers to release the requested documents in the public interest. Such statements may help to avoid unnecessary appeal and litigation. ICAN of course reserves all rights to appeal the withholding or deletion of any information.

Access to the requested records should be granted within twenty (20) business days from the date of your receipt of this letter. Failure to respond in a timely manner shall be viewed as a denial of this request and ICAN may immediately file an administrative appeal.

If you would like to discuss our requests or any issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact me at (212) 532-1091 or via email at [foia@sirillp.com](mailto:foia@sirillp.com) during normal business hours. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'AS', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Aaron Siri, Esq.