



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Federal Housing Finance Agency

400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20219

January 29, 2026

Skye Perryman
Democracy Forward Foundation
P.O. Box 34553
Washington, DC 20043
By Electronic Mail: foia@democracyforward.org

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request 2026-FOIA-00022

Dear Ms. Perryman:

This letter responds to your December 24, 2025, request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. §552, which was received by the Federal Housing Finance Agency's Office of Inspector General (FHFA-OIG) on December 29, 2025. Your request was assigned tracking number 2026-FOIA-00022 and seeks the following information:

Democracy Forward Foundation ("DFF") requests that the Federal Housing Finance Agency Office of Inspector General ("FHFA - OIG") produce the following within twenty (20) business days:

All electronic communications (including email messages, complete email chains, calendar invitations, or attachments thereto, as well as any text messages or messages sent on messaging platforms such as Microsoft Teams, Skype, WhatsApp, Signal, or GChat) sent by (a) any of the FHFA - OIG officials listed below containing the following (b) key terms.

OIG Officials:

Christian Schrank, or anyone acting as Inspector General

John "Joe" Allen

Brian W. Baker, Deputy Inspector General

James Hodge, Deputy Inspector General for Audits

Karen Van Horn

Adrienne Freeman

Any Special Agent in Charge tasked with working the investigations of Adam B. Schiff

Key terms:

Bowes

McCabe

Bish

This request seeks records from March 1, 2025 until the date of the search.

FHFA-OIG has conducted a search and has determined that it possesses 79 records responsive to your request. Pursuant to FOIA, certain records and/or information contained in these records are exempt and have been withheld in full under the following FOIA Exemption(s):

- (b)(3), allows the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by another federal statute. In this case, the relevant statute is Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e), enacted by Act of July 30, 1977, Pub. L. No. 95-78. 91 Stat. 319. Certain records pertaining to grand jury proceedings.
- (b)(5), Permits withholding information under the deliberative process privilege, including the pre-decisional documents, or information that could be withheld under civil discovery, attorney-client, or attorney-work product privileges.
- (b)(6), Permits withholding of records and information about individuals when disclosure would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- (b)(7)(A), Permits withholding of records when interference with law enforcement proceedings can be reasonably expected.
- (b)(7)(C), Permits withholding of records when an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy could reasonably be expected.

In withholding information, we have considered that agencies “shall withhold information” under FOIA “only if the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption” or “disclosure is prohibited by law.” *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A).

This is the final decision on your request. You may contact us for any further assistance at foia@fhfaoig.gov. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request, you may submit an appeal within 90 days to the FOIA Appeals Officer via email, U.S. mail, or delivery service. Your appeal must include a copy of the initial request, a copy of the letter denying the request in whole or in part, and a statement of circumstances, reasons, or arguments you believe support your appeal. Your appeal must also be clearly marked “FOIA Appeal: FHFA-OIG.” The email address is: foia@fhfaoig.gov. The address for U.S. mail or delivery service is: FOIA Appeals Officer, Federal Housing Finance Agency – Office of Inspector General, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this final response to your request.

Sincerely,
FOIA Office
FHFA-OIG



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Final Response Letter 2026-FOIA-00022

FOIA Requests <foia@democracyforward.org>

Fri, Jan 30, 2026 at 12:42 PM

To: FOIA <FOIA@fhfaoig.gov>

Thank you for providing the agency's response for 2026-FOIA-00022.

We would like to know, of the 79 pages that were withheld in full, how many were withheld under (b)(3) for pertaining to grand jury proceedings?

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Democracy Forward Foundation

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FOIA <FOIA@fhfaig.gov>

Tue, Feb 3, 2026 at 11:20 AM

To: FOIA Requests <foia@democracyforward.org>, FOIA <FOIA@fhfaig.gov>

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Good morning, Ms. Perryman,

Thank you for your email.

The (b)(3) exemption was one of the exemptions claimed for two of the 79 responsive records we identified.

Thank you,

FOIA Office

FHFA-OIG

From: FOIA Requests <foia@democracyforward.org>

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 12:42 PM

To: FOIA <FOIA@fhfaig.gov>

Subject: Re: Final Response Letter 2026-FOIA-00022

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