



1700 G Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20552

RE: FOIA Request #CFPB-2024-0290-F

January 22, 2024

Stephen Bolin



Dear Mr. Bolin:

This letter is to inform you that on January 16, 2024, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 16, 2024. Your request sought:

Enforcement Investigation Statistics: I am requesting documents containing statistics that show the number of opened, pending, and closed enforcement investigations for each of the 2020 and 2021 fiscal years (complete). I am not seeking all documents containing such statistics but only documents sufficient to show these statistics for each respective fiscal year.

SEFL Associate Director Decisions: Additionally, I seek documents that show the aggregate outcomes of decisions by the SEFL (Supervision, Enforcement, and Fair Lending) Associate Director regarding Action Review Committee matters for each of the 2022 and 2021 fiscal years (complete). I am specifically interested in documents containing statistics sufficient to show how many matters were:

- Returned to Supervision for follow-up ("returned"),
- Referred to Enforcement ("referred"),
- Returned in part and referred in part.

Please be advised that the CFPB FOIA Office has a backlog of pending FOIA requests. We are diligently working to process each request in the order in which it was received. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

In accordance with Section 1070.17 of the CFPB FOIA regulations, 12 C.F.R. Part 1070, the Bureau generally processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although the CFPB's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period for unusual circumstances. Unusual circumstances

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include the need to search for and collect records from separate CFPB officers; the need to search for, collect, and examine a voluminous amount of records “demanded in a single request”; and the need to consult with another agency or two or more agency components.

Due to the need to search multiple CFPB Program Offices, the CFPB will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, as allowed by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). If you have any questions, or if you wish to discuss the reformulation of your request or an alternative time frame for processing your request, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at FOIA@consumerfinance.gov or by phone at 1-855-444-FOIA (3642).

You have been determined to be a non-commercial requester and provisions of the FOIA allow the CFPB to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. You will be charged for the search (after the first two hours) and duplication (after the first 100 pages) costs in accordance with the CFPB Interim FOIA regulations as applicable to non-commercial requestors. The CFPB’s FOIA Fee Schedule may be viewed at www.consumerfinance.gov/foia-requests/fee-schedule/. You indicated in your request that you are willing to pay \$5.00 for the processing of your request. The Bureau does not charge fees to search for and review records when those fees total less than \$250. You will be contacted in the event there are additional fees related to the processing of your request beyond this amount.

You may appeal any of the responses or decisions set forth above. If you choose to file an appeal, you must do so within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for the appeal. You may send your appeal via the mail (address below) or email (foia@consumerfinance.gov).

Your appeal should be addressed to:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
Chief FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Appeal
1700 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20552

For inquiries concerning your request, please reference your FOIA request number above and contact our FOIA Public Liaison via email at FOIA@consumerfinance.gov or by phone at 1-855-444-FOIA (3642).

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, MD 20740; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Levitan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul Levitan
Acting FOIA Manager
Office of the Chief Data Officer