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Subject: Freedom of Information Request

Democratic National Committee

430 S Capitol Street SE

Washington, DC 20003

November 2, 2018

OGE FOIA Officer

Office of Government Ethics

Suite 500

1201 New York Avenue, NW.

Washington, DC 20005-3917

Dear Freedom of Information Act Officer:

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am writing on behalf of the Democratic National Committee to request the following records in the possession of the Office of Government Ethics:

- All e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the following Office of Government Ethics staff with Department Of Education Principle Deputy Under Secretary Diane Auer Jones. We ask that you search for all e-mails exchanged with Diane Auer Jones' official Department of Labor and Department of Education e-mail addresses and any non-government e-mail addresses associated with Ms. Auer Jones, including – but not limited to – (b) (6), and (b) (6)

- All e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the following Office of Government Ethics staff with [any email address with the @careered.com domain](#).

Office of Government Ethics staff:

- Emory A. Rounds, Director
- David J. Apol, General Counsel

- Seth Jaffee, Chief of the Ethics Law and Policy Branch
- Deborah Bortot, Chief of the Presidential Nominations Branch
- Shelley K. Finlayson, Chief of Staff and Program Counsel
- Dale “Chip” Christopher, Deputy Director for Compliance
- Daniel L. Skalla, Chief of the Financial Disclosure Branch
- Doug Chapman, Chief of the Program Review Branch
- Diana J. Veilleux, Chief of the External Affairs and Performance Branch
- Nicole Stein, Chief of the Agency Assistance Branch

This request covers February 1, 2018 to present.

The Democratic National Committee is **not** a commercial requester. We understand that there might be costs associated with this request. We would request a waiver of fees and ask for you to contact us by e-mail at (b) (6) before incurring charges if this request will be in excess of \$50.

Our preferred reproduction format is an electronic file e-mailed to (b) (6). If this is not possible, we request that you provide access to these records electronically via an FTP site, or mail electronic copies of the records to us on removable media, such as a CD or flash drive. If none of these delivery methods are feasible, we request that you mail paper copies of the records to us at the following address:

Democratic National Committee

Attn: Research Department

430 S Capitol Street SE

Washington, DC 20003

We would appreciate your communicating with us by e-mail at (b) (6) rather than by mail or telephone, if you have questions regarding this request.

If only portions of a record are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act, we ask that you release the entire document with any necessary redactions. If all or any part of this request is denied or redacted, please cite the specific exemption which you believe justifies your redactions or refusal to release the information and inform us of your agency’s administrative appeal procedures available to us under the law.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Nick Bauer, Research Director

On behalf of:

The Democratic National Committee

430 S Capitol Street SE

Washington, DC 20003

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



January 27, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Nick Bauer

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Tracking No: OGE FOIA FY 19/010

Dear Mr. Bauer:

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) has searched and has not located any records responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which the OGE FOIA Office received on November 2, 2019. In your request, you asked for “all e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the named individual staff at the Office of Government Ethics with Department Of Education Principle Deputy Under Secretary Diane Auer Jones. The search must include all e-mails exchanged with Diane Auer Jones’ official Department of Labor and Department of Education e-mail addresses and any non-government e-mail addresses associated with Ms. Auer Jones, including – but not limited to – (b) (6), and (b) (6). In addition, all e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the named individual staff at the Office of Government Ethics with any email address with the @careered.com domain.”

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-482-9267. As OGE’s FOIA Public Liaison, I am available for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes. 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.

The OGE official responsible for this FOIA determination is the undersigned. If you consider this response to be a denial of your request, you may administratively appeal this determination in accordance with the FOIA, as codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), and OGE’s updated FOIA regulations, at 5 C.F.R. § 2604.304, to the Program Counsel, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005-3917. Any such appeal must be in writing and must be sent within 90 days of the date you receive this response letter. If you do appeal, you should include copies of your request and this response,



together with a statement of why you believe this initial determination is in error. Also, if you appeal, you should clearly indicate on the envelope and in the letter that it is a “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Sincerely,

Rachel K. McRae
OGE FOIA Officer