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Mr. Brent Mullis
Administrative Officer
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Services Agency, Maine Service Center
967 Illinois Ave.
Bangor, Me.
Via Fax: 207-990-9169

Dear Mr. Mullis:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C., Section 552 et seq., I am requesting copies of the following records:

Minutes of the county committee (COC) monthly meetings for all offices in Aroostook County (Presque Isle, Fort Kent and Houlton) for the time period January 1, 2004 through to the present.

The Washington Post will reimburse your agency for any reasonable costs associated with this request. However, I ask that you consider a waiver of any fees as allowed under the act for request that demonstrate a public purpose or benefit. The use of these records to help explain important policies and operations involving USDA, I believe, meets that threshold. In any event, please notify me in advance of any fees expected to exceed \$300.00.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at 202-334-6259. I may also be reached by e-mail at cohensh@washpost.com

Sincerely,

Sarah Cohen
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