U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services *National Records Center* P.O. Box 648010 Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010



October 13, 2021

Darren Fishell 92 Salem St, Number 3 Portland, ME 04102

Dear Darren Fishell:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office on December 14, 2017 regarding the I-924's filed by American Green Card Regional Center, New England Center for Business Development, LLC and State of Maine EB-5 Regional Center, LLC.

Please note: The State of Maine EB-5 Regional Center, LLC submitted a blank copy of their I-924.

We have completed the review of all documents and have identified 34 pages that are responsive to your request. Enclosed are 19 pages released in their entirety and 15 pages released in part. We have reviewed and have determined to release all information except those portions that are exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) of the FOIA.

The following exemptions are applicable:

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files where the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, drivers' licenses, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal.

As a result of discussion between agency personnel and a member of our staff, as a matter of administrative discretion, we are releasing computer codes found on system screen prints previously withheld under exemption b(2). There may be additional documents that contain discretionary releases of exempt information. If made, these releases are specifically identified in the responsive record. These discretionary releases do not waive our ability to invoke applicable FOIA exemptions for similar or related information in the future.

The enclosed record consists of the best reproducible copies available. Certain pages contain marks that appear to be blacked-out information. The black marks were made prior to our receipt of the file and are not information we have withheld under the provisions of the FOIA or PA.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. You may file an administrative FOIA appeal to USCIS at: USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Jennifer Piateski, for assistance at:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office P.O. Box 648010

Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010 Telephone: (800) 375-5283

E-Mail: FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov

A FOIA Public Liaison is an agency official to whom FOIA requesters can raise concerns about the service the requester has received from the agency's FOIA Office. FOIA Public Liaisons are responsible for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal Agencies. The OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Telephone: (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448

Email: <u>OGIS@nara.gov</u> Website: <u>ogis.archives.gov</u>

The National Records Center does not process petitions, applications or any other type of benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act. If you have questions or wish to submit documentation relating to a matter pending with the bureau, you must address these issues with your nearest District Office.

All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes, must be submitted in writing and be signed by the requester. Questions concerning this FOIA/PA request may be mailed to the FOIA/PA Officer at the PO Box listed at the top of the letterhead or emailed to FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov. Please include the control number listed above on all correspondence with this office. You can now submit a new FOIA request online using our new Freedom of Information Act Records SysTem (FIRST). If you wish to submit a new FOIA/PA request, please visit www.uscis.gov/FOIA for instructions and requirements.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Piateski

Acting Director, FOIA Operations

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