

September 9, 2025

Via Email: deadmantwice@gmail.com

Zachary Schmucker Witness 21482 Fieldview Dr Edwardsburg, MI 49112

RE: FOIA Case No. 2025-FPRO-03625

Dear Mr. Schmucker:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 8, 2025, in which you seek access to Postal Service records pertaining to yourself and requested expedited processing. In particular, you seek records related to:

This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, to obtain copies of all records pertaining to my mailing address, specifically to investigate and document unauthorized tampering. I request all records related to any Change of Address (COA) forms, mail forwarding requests, or hold mail orders filed for the address [Your Full Address] during the period from June 1st, 2025, to the present. This includes any and all copies of the forms themselves, the names of the individuals who submitted them, the dates they were processed, and any supporting documentation, such as identification provided.

Additionally, I request any internal investigative reports, case files, or official correspondence related to mail fraud, identity theft, or tampering with mail associated with the aforementioned address. As required by the Act, I am prepared to pay reasonable fees for search and duplication of these records, not to exceed [Your Desired Fee Cap, e.g., \$25] without prior written approval. Please send all responsive documents to the return address listed on this letter. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/01/2025 To 09/08/2025)

FOIA requests shall be processed on an expedited basis whenever it is determined that they involve:

- 1. circumstances in which the lack of expedited processing could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; or
- 2. an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged Federal Government activity or operation, if made by a person who is primarily engaged in disseminating information." 39 C.F.R. § 265.5(c).

In your initial request letter, you failed to explain how the lack of expedited processing could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual. The records you requested seem to have no bearing on the life or physical safety of an individual. You have also failed to

establish a particular urgency to inform the public about the <u>government activity or operations</u> revolving around your request – one that extends beyond the public's right to know about government activity generally. Your sole justification for expedited processing is "I am not receiving critical financial and legal documents at my correct mailing address, which has a direct and severe impact on my ability to manage my affairs. The delay in receiving these documents—including, legal notices, medical bills, financial statements, etc., prevents me from responding to critical deadlines, which could result in a loss of housing, legal rights, and access to necessary resources.", which does not fall under any of the two (2) above-referenced categories. Therefore, your request for expedited processing has been denied

Additionally, when you request access to records about yourself, you must verify your identity. In accordance with 39 Code of Federal Regulations Section 266.6(a), personal data sufficient to identify the individuals submitting requests under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a, is required. The purpose of this solicitation is to ensure that the records of individuals who are the subject of Postal Service systems of records are not wrongfully disclosed by the Postal Service.

In your request, you failed to provide verification of identity. You may obtain a Certification of Identity form on the Postal Service's FOIA website at the link below or submit a copy of a valid government issued photo identification (ID). A driver's license, a state issued photo ID or a passport is acceptable.

https://about.usps.com/who/legal/foia/documents/identity-certification 07-25-2017.pdf

For records located in a Privacy Act system of records, individuals who want to obtain access to information the Postal Service maintains about them in a system of records (SOR), should follow the "Notification Procedures" and "Records Access Procedures" described in the applicable system of records. The procedures for each system of records are listed in the Appendix of the Handbook AS-353, Guide to Privacy, the FOIA, and Records Management. Handbook AS353 is available online at: https://about.usps.com/handbooks/as353/welcome.htm. For additional instructions on how to submit a Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act request, we suggest that you reference the Addendum of Handbook AS-353.

In addition to verifying your identity, you must include any other information as required by the applicable system of records; specify the system of records by name or number, as shown in the Appendix, or otherwise reasonably identify the system of records; provide enough information to identify and locate the record; and include any other relevant information, such as preferences as to where and how to receive the information.

A records custodian may, when deemed appropriate, request that individuals provide either a notarized statement or a statement signed under penalty of perjury stating that they are the person they claim to be. Failure to furnish this information will result in no action being taken on your request. False information may subject the requester to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and/or 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(i)(3).

Furthermore, we note that your request failed to identify the specific address you are referring to.

If we do not receive your verification of identity and clarification regarding the address your are referencing within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this letter, **October 9, 2025**, we will administratively close out this request.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may file an administrative appeal within ninety (90) days of the date of this response letter by writing to the General Counsel U.S. Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Washington, DC 20260 or via email at FOIAAppeal@usps.gov. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of the response to your request. The letter of appeal should include, as applicable:

- (1) A copy of the request, of any notification of denial or other action, and of any other related correspondence;
- (2) The FOIA tracking number assigned to the request;
- (3) A statement of the action, or failure to act, from which the appeal is taken;
- (4) A statement identifying the specific redactions to responsive records that the requester is challenging;
- (5) A statement of the relief sought; and
- (6) A statement of the reasons why the requester believes the action or failure to act is erroneous.

For further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact FOIA Public Liaison listed below:

PRIVACY & RECORDS OFFICE US POSTAL SERVICE 475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW RM 1P830 WASHINGTON DC 20260-1101

Phone: (202) 268-2608 Fax: (202) 268-5353 Email: FOIA12@usps.gov

FOIA Public Liaison: Nancy Chavannes

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.

Sincerely,



JaLisa Joshua Government Information Specialist