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SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: lernst@acluvt.org

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Re: **2017-HQFO-01317**

Dear Ms. Ernst:

This is the electronic final response to your September 5, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for records pertaining to DHS immigration enforcement actions in the state of Vermont from January 1, 2017, up to such time as an adequate search for responsive records has been conducted, including any such records held by ICE, CBP, Border Patrol, or any other DHS component agencies, to include: 1. All records, including but not limited to data or statistics, mentioning, referencing, relating to, or referring to any immigration enforcement action, including but not limited to any investigations, arrests, or detentions of any individual in the states of Vermont, New Hampshire, or Maine by DHS or its sub-agencies; any requests for automated license plate reader data; any boarding by DHS officials of any commercial bus or other form of public transportation to perform immigration checks; and any roadblock or checkpoint established by DHS officials; 2. All communications with, to, or from any Vermont, New Hampshire, or Maine state or local law enforcement agency including but not limited to Departments of Motor Vehicles and Departments of Corrections mentioning, referencing, or referring to immigration enforcement, or to the investigation, arrest, or detention of any individual, and all records pertaining to any such communications; 3. All communications with, to, or from any Vermont, New Hampshire, or Maine state or local government official mentioning, referencing, or referring to immigration enforcement, "sanctuary" policies, detainers, or "fair and impartial policing," or to the investigation, arrest, or detention of any individual, and all Records pertaining to any such communications; 4. All communications relating to immigration enforcement with, to, or from any Vermont, New Hampshire, or Maine businesses or business owners, including but not limited to dairy farms and other agricultural operations, and all records pertaining to any such communications; and 5. All records created, sent, received, referenced, and/or used in fulfilling and/or responding to any of the foregoing parts of this request. This office received your request on September 5, 2017.

In responding to a FOIA request, DHS will search for responsive documents in its control on the date the search began. We began our search for records for item one of your request on September 15, 2017. A search of the Office of Policy (PLCY) Office of Immigration Statistics for documents responsive to your request produced one page of responsive records. In our letter to you dated September 15, 2017, we advised that we transferred items 2 through 5 of your request to ICE for review and direct response to you.

We are granting your request under FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5. After carefully reviewing the responsive document, I determined that it is appropriate for public release. The document is enclosed in its entirety; DHS has claimed no deletions or exemptions.

Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2017-HQFO-01317**. You may send an e-mail to foia@hq.dhs.gov, call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner.

Sincerely,
/s/

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Government Information Specialist

Enclosure(s): one excel sheet