

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2020-210**

April 11, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Michael Ayele

RE: FOIA Appeal 2020-210

Dear Mr. Ayele:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted to the Mayor, challenging the response of the Department of Human Resources ("DCHR") to your grievance about a FOIA request.

On March 19, 2020, you submitted a grievance form to DCHR referencing a FOIA request. On April 17, 2020, DCHR denied your grievance as a FOIA request is not a matter subject to review under the grievance process. The next day, you appealed to this Office.

In accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-537, the Mayor reviews appeals under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act of decisions issued by District agencies. It appears from your correspondence that you are challenging a decision made on a grievance. Because this Office does not have jurisdiction over grievances, we are unable to assist you and hereby dismiss your appeal.

This constitutes the final decision of this Office. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with D.C. Code § 2-537.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Aphrodite Hadjiloucas, FOIA Officer/Attorney-Advisor  
DCHR (via email)