

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2021-170**

July 6, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Mr. Gregory Slate

RE: FOIA Appeal 2021-170

Dear Mr. Slate:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”). In your appeal, you assert that the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) failed to respond to your FOIA request.

On March 13, 2021 you submitted a request for “[a] copy of any and all emails received from or sent to any email address that includes the characters: policeabuse.com.”

You filed an appeal on April 21, 2021 because you had not received a response to your FOIA request. On May 7, 2021, MPD filed a response to your appeal.<sup>1</sup> In the response, MPD indicated that it was withholding any responsive documents pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(2) and/or (a)(3)(C) unless you provided “authorizations and/or waivers of privacy” from the individuals whose email addresses are listed in your request.

Since your appeal only challenged the failure of MPD to respond to your FOIA request and MPD has now responded to your request, we dismiss your appeal as moot. However, you may file a new appeal with this Office if you are dissatisfied with the agency’s response.

This shall constitute the final decision of this Office. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia government in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with DC FOIA.

Respectfully,

Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Teresa Quon Hyden, Assistant General Counsel MPD (via email)

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the response from MPD to your appeal is attached to this decision

