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Mr. Gregory Bridges
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Sent via email: AMS.FOIA@usda.gov

Ref: **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request**

Dear Mr. Bridges:

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting all investigative files related to the Ecological Farming Control Organization (ETKO) for any and all violations and/or alleged violations of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990. This request includes, but is not limited to, notices of noncompliance, enforcement actions, complaints, correspondence, and reports related to ETKO's accreditation under the National Organic Program (NOP). This request covers all correspondence, documents and reports concerning ETKO, its certified operations, and all correspondence between the NOP and the European and Canadian regulatory authorities concerning ETKO's accreditation status in the United States, European Union, and Canada.

As I am making this request as a policy researcher for a not-for-profit public interest and research organization, please waive any applicable fees. Also, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone or e-mail, rather than by the United States Postal Service, if you have questions regarding this request.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Please send materials to the following address:

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anne Ross". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anne" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ross".

Anne Ross
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