

October 12, 2015

Joseph Tangredi Agricultural Marketing Service U.S. Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Stop 0202, Room 3943-S., South Building Washington, D.C. 20250-0237 Sent via email: <u>AMS.FOIA@usda.gov</u>

FOIA REQUEST Fee benefit requested Fee waiver requested

Dear Mr. Tangredi:

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting all letters, emails, interagency correspondence, or records of phone calls concerning the job performance (both positive and negative) of Deputy Administrator Miles McEvoy.

These could include, but are not limited to, correspondence with the USDA Secretary, Deputy Secretary, one of the Undersecretaries, or top officials at the Agricultural Marketing Service, and communications from citizen or organizations pertaining to Mr. McEvoy's job performance. This should include communications with Mr. Rex Barnes, Associate Administrator at AMS. Additionally, we are seeking any communications from Mr. McEvoy to others soliciting feedback regarding his job performance.

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:

The Cornucopia Institute P.O. Box 126 Cornucopia, WI 54827

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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