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Sent via email: AMS.FOIA@usda.gov

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 correspondence between Miles McEvoy, Staff Director of the National Organic Program, and Dr. Jean Richardson, the current chairwoman of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB), between January 1, 2011 and September 17, 2015. Such correspondence include but are not limited to letters, facsimiles, emails, notes, phone logs, text messages, all documents of any nature exchanged and other forms of correspondence, including personal cell phones or cell phones utilized for USDA business.

Excluded from this request are emails that include all the members of the NOSB in the distribution (it is important to note that we are referring to "all" NOSB members we are not excluding from our request any correspondence between Mr. McEvoy and Dr. Richardson that might include one or more other NOSB members but short of the entire board).

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.

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. Since our request is very concise in nature, likely not requiring extensive review of correspondence or other material, we expect that this can be complied with without the USDA requesting any extension.

Please send materials to the following address:

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

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Cole". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jason Cole, Research Associate
The Cornucopia Institute