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SUBJECT: FOIA Response Status Notice

This is written as follow-up to our November 4, 2020, response to the FOIA request that you emailed to this Office on June 26, 2020, and for the processing of which this Office received fee deposits on July 20, 2020, and September 9, 2020.

As we previously advised, your request is granted with regard to information that is not exempt from public disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (MIFOIA). Please know that we continue to process records responsive to your request as expeditiously as possible. Nevertheless, given the University's current alternate working arrangements, necessitated by extraordinary community health concerns, record processing times are extending beyond typically anticipated dates. At this time, we expect to send to you records or another update on or before Wednesday, December 23, 2020. We apologize for any inconvenience this unavoidably extended response time may cause; fees assessed will be adjusted in consideration of the delay.



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The MIFOIA provides that when a public body denies all or a portion of a request, the requester may do one of the following: (1) submit an appeal of the determination to the head of the public body; or (2) commence a civil action in the court of claims to compel the public body's disclosure of the records. If you wish to seek judicial review of any denial, you must do so within 180 days of the date of this letter. If the court of claims orders disclosure of all or a portion of the public record(s) to which you have been denied access, you may receive attorneys' fees and, in certain circumstances, damages under the MIFOIA. Should you choose to file an appeal with the University regarding this response to your request, you must submit a written communication to this Office expressly stating that it is an "appeal" of this response. In your appeal, please state what records you believe should have been disclosed to you. You must also state the reasons you believe any denial of your MIFOIA request should be reversed. This Office will arrange for the processing and review of your appeal. Pursuant to Section 4(4) of the MIFOIA, the University's procedures and guidelines for processing MIFOIA requests can be found at <http://foia.msu.edu>.

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