



August 15, 2017

***SENT VIA EMAIL***

Ricardo Beas  
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Dear Mr. Beas:

This letter is in regards to your June 12, 2017, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, assigned #17-00709-FOIA, seeking:

“...all communications between Mr. Office and CDC staff member Dr. William Thompson from 1999 to present.”

On June 23, 2017, you narrowed the scope of your request to seek:

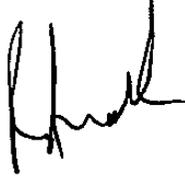
“All information and communications, as described below, between Mr. Paul Offit and CDC staff member (or ex-staff member) Dr. William Thompson, from 1999 to present. As used herein, information, documentation, correspondence and/or communication means all communications between and among the above parties in any form, including but not limited to hand written, typed, written, email, electronic, recorded; including notes, PowerPoint presentations, flyers, invitations, publications, webinar recordings, and the like, etc. Please provide this documentation electronically by reply email.”

We located 2 pages of responsive records. After a careful review of these pages, some information was withheld from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 Exemption 6 which protects information in personnel and medical files and similar files when disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We have determined that the individual to whom this information pertains to has a substantial privacy interest in withholding it.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, Suite 729H, Washington, D.C. 20201. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope “FOIA Appeal.” Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted by November 13, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Andoh', written in a cursive style.

Roger Andoh  
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Enclosures

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**Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP)**

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**From:** Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2016 10:31 AM  
**To:** 'OFFIT@EMAIL.CHOP.EDU'  
**Cc:** Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP)  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] (b)(6)  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Paul,

I appreciate that you are very passionate about your opinions regarding vaccine safety. Although we may not share the exact same opinions regarding the safety of some vaccines, I don't find it helpful for you to malign [REDACTED] (b)(6) [REDACTED] (b)(6) in public talks. I consider that a cheap shot and extremely unprofessional. I would like to request that you stop doing that.

I would also like to make you aware that I do a lot of [REDACTED] (b)(6) [REDACTED] (b)(6) at the CDC. If you want to discuss [REDACTED] (b)(6) [REDACTED] (b)(6) we can discuss.

Thanks,

Bill

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**Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP)**

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**From:** Thompson, William (Bill) (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP)  
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**Subject:** [REDACTED] (b)(6)

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