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Elizabeth Farris  
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Room 55155, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Ms. Farris,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). I request that a copy of the following records be provided to me:

Any and all legal opinions or memoranda produced between January 1, 2009, and January 1, 2012 that discuss or examine:

The authority of Congress to authorize the military detention of any U.S. person physically located within any region under the jurisdiction of the government of the United States;

The authority of Congress to authorize the indefinite detention of any U.S. person physically located within any region under the jurisdiction of the government of the United States;

The scope and/or extent of detention authority granted by the Authorization To Use Military Force (AUMF);

The President's plenary authority to order the military detention of U.S. persons physically located within any region under the jurisdiction of the government of the United States;

The President's plenary authority to order the indefinite detention of U.S. persons physically located within any region under the jurisdiction of the government of the United States;

The potential impact of provisions of HR 1540 (and/or provisions of other House or Senate versions of legislation colloquially referred to as the "National Defense

Authorization Act of 2012” on the Posse Comitatus Act (18 U.S.C. § 1385).

In order to help you determine my status for the purpose of assessing fees, you should know that this request is made as part of news gathering, and is not for commercial use. Responsive files will be shared with researchers, journalists, and the public, and will not be licensed for profit.

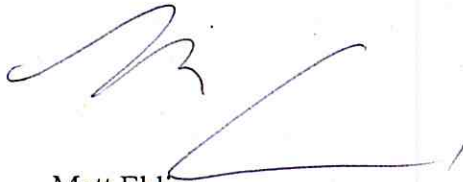
I am seeking a waiver of fees for this request, since the public dissemination of the requested materials will aid the public’s understanding of the legal basis for certain actions undertaken in the course of the war against terrorism.

If my fee waiver is denied, I am willing to pay fees of up to \$100.00 without prior notice. If fees are estimated to exceed this amount, please notify me first.

If this request is denied in whole or in part, please notify me of the legal basis for the denial, as well as all appeals procedures available under law.

I can be contacted at 651-335-2037 or [info@publicrecordmedia.com](mailto:info@publicrecordmedia.com) if you need to discuss any aspect of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Matt Ehling', written over a horizontal line.

Matt Ehling  
President, Public Record Media