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Dear Mr. Kaszuba:

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2017-003647F6**

This is in response to your request dated January 30, 2017, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, regarding all cease and desist letters issued by the Federal Aviation Administration for drone activity in Minnesota since January 1, 2013. Your request was forwarded from the Federal Aviation Administration's Southwest Region and was received in this office on March 13.

Your request has been clarified to include educational and enforcement actions involving drone (UAS and UAV) in Minnesota. The records from the National Program Tracking and Reporting System (NPTRS) include, but are not limited to, investigations, surveillance, and inspections.

A search of the NPTRS for the period from January 1, 2013 to present revealed 276 records identifying drone, UAS or UAV that were entered by the Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Enclosed are copies of the records. The records do not identify cease and desist.

A search of the Enforcement Information System (EIS) revealed eight records pertaining to drones, UAS or UAV in Minnesota. Enclosed are copies of the records.

Personal data (names, telephone numbers, addresses, and company names) has been redacted from the records under Exemption 6 of the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6); Department of Transportation Regulations, 49 CFR 7.13(c)(6)). When a privacy interest is found to exist, a balancing between the rights of the individual concerned and any public interest in disclosure must be performed. Department of the Air Force v. Rose, 425 U.S. 352, 372 (1989). On balance, disclosing the personal data would not contribute significantly to the "public understanding of the operations or activities of the government." Department of Justice v. Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 109 S.Ct. 1468, 1483 (1989).

The undersigned is responsible for this determination. You may request reconsideration of this determination by writing to the Assistant Administrator for Finance and Management (AFN-140), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC, 20591

or through electronic mail at: [FOIA-Appeals@\[REDACTED\].gov](mailto:FOIA-Appeals@[REDACTED].gov). Your request must be made in writing within 90 days from the date of this letter and must include all information and arguments relied upon. Your letter must also state that it is an appeal from the above-described denial of a request made under the FOIA. The envelope containing the appeal should be marked "FOIA Appeal."

You also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the FAA FOIA Public Liaison via phone ([REDACTED]) or email ([7-AWA-ARC-FOIA@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:7-AWA-ARC-FOIA@[REDACTED])) noting FOIA Public Liaison in the Subject or the Office of Government Information Services (<https://oqis.archives.gov>) via phone ([REDACTED] / toll-free-[REDACTED] / fax-[REDACTED]); or email ([oqis@\[REDACTED\].gov](mailto:oqis@[REDACTED].gov)).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures