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Re: Request for Records

Dear Director of Information Office:

This is a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the implementing regulations of the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Justice on behalf of the Southern Poverty Law Center ("SPLC").

On February 22, 2017, the Department of Justice announced its plan to treat transgender students as outsiders, a decision that is inconsistent with the Department's longstanding policy of treating all students equally. The Department's implementing regulations include a list of

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SPLC seeks information about whether

influence the Department's decisions on retaining individuals

Pursuant to the Executive Order, the Department

that the Department

or relate to the Department's

all records received from or sent to persons or

corporations, associations, or other entities, including individuals

White House officials, and

their offices— and their or relate to whether the Department's

SPLC requests a fee

§ 16.110(k) of the Freedom of Information Act

because it is likely to contain

activities on the part of the Department's

and

decide not only whether groups owe deference

correctly.

But because the Department withdrew its guidance, the Court vacated

decision and remanded the

16-2702, <https://www.supremecourt.gov/orders/andpractice/dockets/doclist.asp?docketid=162702>

Department's decision to withdraw the guidance, but the effect of the

protections, and no order of enforcement is to be entered until the

longer are willing to defend or enforce these

news reports revealed that the Secretary of Education

because of the potential harm that rescinding the guidance would

until she was pressured to do so by

Peters et al., <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/01/10/education-secretary-was-pressured-to-rescind-guidance-on-transgender-students/>

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groups, for example, which SPLC is known for

influence or attempt to influence

intends to disseminate this information

media, email, and

Second, disclosure is

organization that monitors and reports on the groups and other extremists

to bring about their

* Including but not limited to the
Office of the State Attorney General,
the Office of the State

If any
component
nonetheless reserves the right

Please see letter re

Respectfully



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