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Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine  
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Dear Mr. Gittell:

4700 River Road  
Unit 50  
Riverdale, MD  
20737-1232

This is in response to your June 1, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for documents generated as a result of Dr. John Pippon's complaint regarding the use of live pigs in Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) courses at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. Your request was received in this office on June 1, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 10-476.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and enclosed are four pages of records responsive to your request. However, information is withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This information is also withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). This exemption protects from disclosure records or information collected for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

You may appeal our denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter to:

Administrator  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Ag Box 3401  
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 10-476 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.



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Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived.  
If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Deborah L. Leilich of my staff at  
(301) 734-3623.

Sincerely,



*for* Tonya G. Woods  
Director  
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act  
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