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Dear Ms. Zullo:

Freedom of
Information

This is the response to your July 27, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of a letter addressed to Dr. Elizabeth Goldentyer pertaining to Essex County Turtle Back Zoo. Your request was received in this office on September 23, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 10-686.

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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located 21 pages of responsive records. However, this information is being withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The same information is being withheld under 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 when its release could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, we withheld third party names.

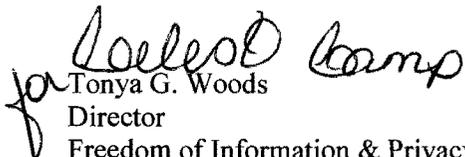
You may appeal our partial denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received at the following office within 45 days of the date of this letter.

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

Please refer to FOIA 10-686 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.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fees have been waived. Should you have questions, please contact Janice Shipman of my staff at (301) 734-0490.

Sincerely,


Tonya G. Woods
Director
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