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Freedom of
Information Ms. Lori Northrup

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Road
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Dear Ms. Northrup:

This is in response to your October 4, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records from each of the 14 licensed Horse Industry Organizations showing the appeals that have been submitted to HIO during 2009 – 2010. Your request was received in this office on October 4, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 11-006.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located two appeals submitted in 2009 and are responsive to your request. 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. Specifically, home addresses have been withheld under this exemption.

The program has informed this office that no appeals were submitted for 2010. The Horse Protection Act database does not track appeals.

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

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, DC 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 11-006 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, all fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tamara M. Wade of my staff at (301) 734-5268.

Sincerely,

for 
Tonya Woods

Director
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