



U. S. Department of Justice

Office of the Associate Attorney General

The Associate Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

April 1, 2010

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a copy of the Department of Justice's 2009 annual report on certain activities pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (2006 & Supp. II 2008), amended by OPEN FOIA Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-83, 123 Stat. 2184.

In accordance with subsection (e)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(e)(6), this report contains information regarding Freedom of Information Act litigation cases and also includes a description of the Department of Justice efforts to encourage agency compliance with the Act during calendar year 2009.

Additionally, in accordance with subsection (e)(4) of the Freedom of Information Act, as amended, the Department of Justice has established "a single electronic access point" for the consolidated electronic availability of the annual FOIA reports of all federal agencies. These reports can be accessed through http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/04_6.html, on the Department's FOIA Web site.

I can assure you of the Department of Justice's firm commitment to the faithful implementation of the Freedom of Information Act, in accordance with the Open Government Act of 2007 and the Attorney General's Memorandum dated March 19, 2009. We look forward to continuing to work together with Congress, in a constructive partnership based upon our mutual interests in sound FOIA administration, on all matters pertaining to the Act.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
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