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October 9, 2013

Ms. Dawn S. Wiggins
Principal Public FOIA Liaison
Room 3-A-6 Operations
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21235

Dear Ms. Wiggins,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, for a copy of all documents and records related to the decision to close the Bristol, Connecticut Social Security Office as referenced in the attached letter from District Manager Carla Martin, dated September 30, 2013. Such documents might include but not be limited to research, data, analysis, reports, notes, memoranda and correspondence whether in handwritten, typed, electronic or any other form.

I am filing this request as the State Senator representing the residents of Bristol and surrounding towns who will be impacted by this closure. I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest. If for some reason, the fee waiver request is denied, while reserving my right to appeal such a decision, I am willing to pay a reasonable fee to cover costs of document search and duplication.

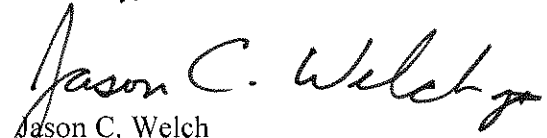
If some of this request is exempt from release, please send me those portions reasonably separable and provide me with an itemization and justification, in writing, explaining the reasons for the exemptions and describe the deleted material in detail

If you have any questions about this request, you may contact me by telephone at (860)240-0561.

I look forward to your reply within 20 workdays (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays), as the statute requires.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason C. Welch". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jason C. Welch
State Senator – 31st District

Cc: Ms. Carla Martin, District Manager
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