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Please describe the records you are requesting and provide as much specificity as possible, including applicable date ranges.

Dear Public Official:

This is a request for public records made pursuant to the Vermont public records law (1 V.S.A. § 316) on behalf of the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), a national nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing animal suffering caused by people. One major organizational goal is to educate the public about farmed animal welfare and protect farmed animals from abuse.

We are requesting copies of any and all agency records related to administrative actions taken by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets for violations of humane handling and slaughter regulations (9 CFR Part 313 (USDA ISP Code 04C02)) and violations of good commercial practices (9 CFR § 381.65 (USDA ISP Code 04C05)). Please consider “administrative actions” to include noncompliance records, memoranda of interview, warnings, notice of intended enforcement, suspension of plant operations, reinstatement of plant suspension, revocation of plant license, civil penalties, and criminal prosecutions. We request these records for the period beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022.

AWI is asking for a fee waiver or reduction because the information it is requesting will contribute significantly to the public understanding of how state inspected slaughterhouses

function in regards to humane slaughter. If you do not grant this request, AWI is prepared to pay all search and duplication fees up to an initial amount of one-hundred dollars (\$100). If the amount of records is extensive and costs would exceed this amount, please contact me so that I may narrow the scope of the request.

If you deny this request, please cite the specific reason(s) justifying your refusal to release the information. We also request that if the agency contends that a portion of the record is exempt from disclosure that the exempt material be deleted or redacted and the remainder of the record be provided.

If you have any questions regarding this request you may contact me at (202) 446-2145, or zack@awionline.org. The records and any related correspondence may be sent to me at the above address. Please notify me to confirm receipt of this request.

Sincerely,

Zack Strong
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Declaration (Required)

Yes

Date Submitted

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