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Re: MCC-2018-0001, Docket Number

Ms. Watkins,

I am submitting this comment in regard and pertaining to Docket Number: MCC-2018-0001. It is to my knowledge and understanding that this agenda item is about Freedom of Information Act Regulations in which apply to Millennium Challenge Corporation. Millennium Challenge Act (MCA) of 2003 established the Millennium Challenge Corporation as a new federal agency. Since the Congress of the United States enacted the Freedom of Information Act in 1966 and last modified the Freedom of Information Act with the Freedom of Information Act Improvement Act of 2016, it should be known that Millennium Challenge Corporation as a federal agency is required by federal law to comply with Freedom of Information Act requests that it receives. Since the Freedom of Information Act applies to Millennium Challenge Corporation, the proposed agenda item addresses electronically available documents, procedures for making requests, agency handling of requests, records not disclosed, changes in fees, and public reading rooms, as well as other related provisions.

As far as this agenda item is concerned, I would like to say that I would hope that Millennium Challenge Corporation as a federal agency of the United States will ensure that members of the general public and that public interest organizations and entities are not overcharged fees for looking for the records that are being requested under the Freedom of Information Act. I hope that Millennium Challenge Corporation as a federal agency of the United States will grant expedited processing and waivers of fees pertaining to records that an individual or that a public interest organization and entity has requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Whenever there is a public interest in obtaining certain records from a federal agency of the United States, a compelling need or whenever an individual or a public interest organization is seeking to engage in oversight of the government of the United States in some way, shape or form, I believe that since the government is accountable to the people and since the government operates by and through the people, that federal agencies of the United States need to ensure that they do not create barriers for individuals and public interest organizations that want to engage in oversight of the operations and the activities of the government. Even if the records that an individual or that a public interest organization and entity is requesting from the Millennium Challenge Corporation may be embarrassing, I still believe that individuals and that public interest organizations and entities still have a right to obtain records that they have requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

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Respectfully,

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