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Office of the General Counsel  
Attn: FOIA Service Center  
Executive Office for Immigration Review  
5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 1903  
Falls Church, VA 22041  
[EOIR.FOIARequests@usdoj.gov](mailto:EOIR.FOIARequests@usdoj.gov)

**Re: FOIA Request Regarding COVID-19**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter constitutes a request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552. For purposes of this request, COVID-19 refers to the coronavirus that is the subject of the Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak issued by the President on March 13, 2020.

I request all of the following records that are in the possession or control of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR):

- 1) All records pertaining to or related to any changes considered or made to Immigration Court practices as a result of COVID-19;
- 2) All records pertaining to or related to any directions or guidance considered or made to immigration judges or other court personnel as a result of COVID-19;
- 3) All records containing the words "Chinese virus"

Lawyers for Civil Rights is a small, non-partisan, non-profit organization that provides pro bono legal services to disadvantaged communities. Our purpose in making this request is to learn more about EOIR's responses to COVID-19. The information will not be used for commercial purposes. We therefore respectfully request a waiver of any fees associated with this request. If you are unable to waive the fees, please provide an estimate of the fees before filling the request. To the extent records are available electronically, please email them to me at [osellstrom@lawyersforcivilrights.org](mailto:osellstrom@lawyersforcivilrights.org).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information. I can be reached at (617) 988-0624 or at the e-mail listed above.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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