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Attn: FOIA Public Liaison

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request that a copy of the following documents (or documents containing the following information) be provided to me without limitation:

- All correspondence, including emails, between and among Margaret Spellings and/or other Department senior staff and John P. Higgins, Jr. and/or other Office of the Inspector General senior staff related to the audit of the Reading First program.
- Calendars, daily agendas or other documents that show meetings scheduled between and among Margaret Spellings and/or other Department senior staff and John P. Higgins, Jr. and/or other Office of the Inspector General senior staff related to the aforementioned audit of the Reading First program;
- Participant lists, agendas, and/or meeting minutes or notes from meetings scheduled between and among Margaret Spellings and/or other Department senior staff and John P. Higgins, Jr. and/or other Office of the Inspector General senior staff related to the aforementioned audit of the Reading First program;
- Any documents pertaining to or describing the process by which the Office of the Inspector General accepted the original vendor complaint against the Reading First program and framed the six areas of review that comprised the aforementioned audit of the Reading First program; and

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- Documents that identify all individuals interviewed as part of the Office of the Inspector General's audit of the Reading First program, including the date and duration of each interview.

I am requesting these documents as part of my affiliation with a public interest group; this request is not for commercial use. Furthermore, I request a waiver of any and all fees associated with this request. Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations of the government and is not in my commercial interest. The documents are requested for the express purpose of increasing public understanding of the Department's operations and activities related to the audit of the Reading First program.

Please contact me if additional information is needed regarding the documents requested or the waiver of fees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Petrilli', with a stylized, flowing script.

Michael J. Petrilli
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