

NetChoice

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Freedom of Information Act Request
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear General Counsel Dasgupta,


Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and 16 C.F.R. § 4.11, NetChoice is requesting the following information:

- Any communications, or documents describing communications, between the dates of January 20, 2021 to the current date between the former chief of staff to Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), and current consultant at Ridge Point Consulting, Dan Geldon, and any of the following individuals: Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan, Federal Trade Commission Commissioner Rebecca Slaughter, Federal Trade Commission Commissioner Alvaro Bedoya or any Federal Trade Commission staff members.
- Any communications, emails, or documents including the words “antitrust,” “mergers,” “acquisitions,” “businesses,” “Amazon,” “Meta,” “Facebook,” “Instagram,” “Twitter,” “Musk,” “Apple,” “iPhone,” “Google,” “Alphabet,” “Youtube,” “Microsoft,” “Xbox,” “Activision,” “Illumina,” or any plural or derivation thereof, between the dates of January 20, 2021 to the current date between Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) or any member of Sen. Warren’s staff and any person working for or with the Federal Trade Commission.
- Any communications, emails, or documents including the words “antitrust,” “mergers,” “acquisitions,” “businesses,” “Amazon,” “Meta,” “Facebook,” “Instagram,” “Twitter,” “Musk,” “Apple,” “iPhone,” “Google,” “Alphabet,” “Youtube,” “Microsoft,” “Xbox,” “Activision,” “Illumina,” or any plural or derivation thereof, between the dates of January 20, 2021 to the current date between Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) or any member of Sen. Klobuchar’s staff and any person working for or with the Federal Trade Commission.
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- If you determine that any part of this request is exempt from FOIA, we request the information be clearly identified and justified.

NetChoice is a non-profit organization organized under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. We request a fee waiver because disclosure of this information is in the public interest as it is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of the operations of the FTC.

Federal law requires that the FTC produce these records within twenty (20) business days or, in unusual circumstances, within thirty (30) business days.¹ If any part of this request is denied, we ask you to justify the denial by reference to specific exemptions under the FOIA.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact me by email at 
Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Respectfully,

Carl Szabo
Vice President & General Counsel, NetChoice

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¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)-(B) and 16 C.F.R. § 4.11(a)(1)(ii).