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Dear FOIA advisory committee,

Since I've first filed my FOIA request a year ago, I've realized some issues. First, agencies need to have a more in-depth tracking system. One notable example would be the CIA, in which they only respond via mail. This causes a requestor here to be put in the dark. I believe at the CIA there should be a smoother process in obtaining a status check. There have also been issues in regards to interagency processing of FOIA requests. I've seen documents withheld without cause or justification. I've also seen time being wasted because of interagency review. I believe that agencies should be efficient at all times in regards to any and all FOIA requests. Agencies should be reminded the foreseeable harm standard and presumption of openness. I also believe that agencies should release and update on a weekly or bi-weekly basis the FOIA log. This committee should do reviews on the internal efficiency in regards to FOIA requests. Lastly, I would like agencies to be reminded of the standard procedures and structure set forth by the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016.

Sincerely,

