## Exhibit 1 TSA Request

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January 31, 2017

### **VIA E-MAIL**

Regina McCoy FOIA Officer Transportation Security Administration 11th Floor, East Tower, TSA-20 601 S. 12th Street Arlington, VA 22202-4220

Re: FOIA Request – Guidance For Immigration Executive Order

Dear Ms. McCoy:

This is a request on behalf of The James Madison Project ("JMP"), Ken Vogel ("Mr. Vogel"), and Josh Gerstein ("Mr. Gerstein")(hereinafter referred to jointly as "the Requesters") under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, *et seq.* This request seeks copies of Transportation Security Administration ("TSA") records, including cross-references, memorializing the following:

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Finally, and again in reliance upon the same public interest reasons outlined above, the Requesters are seeking expedited processing of their FOIA request. FOIA permits expedited processing when a "compelling need" exists. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)(v). Specifically, "compelling need" means "with respect to a request made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information, urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity." <u>Id</u>. at § 552(a)(6)(E)(v)(II).

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If TSA denies all or part of this request, please cite the specific exemptions you believe justify your refusal to release the information or permit the review and notify us of your appeal procedures available under the law. We request that any documents or records produced in response to this request be provided in electronic (soft-copy) form wherever possible. Acceptable formats are .pdf, .jpg, .gif, .tif. Please provide soft-copy records by email or on a CD if email is not feasible. However, the Requesters do not agree to pay an additional fee to receive records on a CD, and in the instance that such a fee is required, the Requesters will accept a paper copy of responsive records.

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## Exhibit 2 CBP Request

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### VIA ONLINE PORTAL

Sabrina Burroughs FOIA Officer U.S. Customs & Border Protection MS 1181 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20229-1181

Re: FOIA Request – Guidance For Immigration Executive Order

Dear Ms. Burroughs:

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## Exhibit 3 ICE Request

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#### VIA E-MAIL

Catrina Pavlick-Keenan FOIA Officer U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Mail Stop 5009 500 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20536-5009

Re: FOIA Request – Guidance For Immigration Executive Order

Dear Ms. Keenan:

This is a request on behalf of The James Madison Project ("JMP"), Ken Vogel ("Mr. Vogel"), and Josh Gerstein ("Mr. Gerstein")(hereinafter referred to jointly as "the Requesters") under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, *et seq.* This request seeks copies of Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") records, including cross-references, memorializing the following:

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## Exhibit 4 USCIS Request

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January 31, 2017

### **VIA E-MAIL**

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Re: FOIA Request – Guidance For Immigration Executive Order

Dear Ms. Eggleston:

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# Exhibit 5 DHS Request

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**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2017 10:38:14 PM

Karen Neuman
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Ms. Neuman –

Please find attached a FOIA request submitted on behalf of The James Madison Project, Ken Vogel, and Josh Gerstein.

Regards,

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