



the responses and disseminates its findings and the requested records to the American public to inform them about “what their government is up to.”

4. Defendant Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is an agency of the U.S. Government and is headquartered at 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551. Defendant has possession, custody, and control of records to which Plaintiff seeks access.

### **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

5. On January 11, 2026, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell stated, “On [January 9, 2026], the Department of Justice served the Federal Reserve with grand jury subpoenas, threatening a criminal indictment related to my testimony before the Senate Banking Committee last June.”

6. On January 26, 2026, Plaintiff submitted a FOIA request to Defendant seeking access to the subpoenas referenced by Powell.

7. On February 13, 2026, Defendant denied Plaintiff’s FOIA request.

8. On February 17, 2026, Plaintiff administratively appealed Defendant’s denial.

9. On February 18, 2026, Defendant acknowledged receiving Plaintiff’s administrative appeal and assigned it Appeal No. APP-2026-0035.

10. On March 17, 2026, Defendant extended the time for it to issue a final determination on Plaintiff’s administrative appeal to March 31, 2026.

11. As of the date of this Complaint, Defendant has failed to issue a final determination on Plaintiff’s administrative appeal of Defendant’s decision to deny Plaintiff’s FOIA request.

**COUNT I**  
**(Violation of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552)**

12. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 11 as if fully stated herein.

13. Defendant is in violation of FOIA.

14. Plaintiff is being irreparably harmed by Defendant's violation of FOIA and will continue to be irreparably harmed unless Defendant is compelled to comply with the law.

15. To trigger FOIA's administrative exhaustion requirement, Defendant was required to make a final determination on Plaintiff's administrative appeal by request by March 31, 2026. Because Defendant failed to make a final determination on Plaintiff's administrative appeal within the time limit set by FOIA, Plaintiff is deemed to have exhausted its administrative appeal remedy.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court: (1) order Defendant to conduct a search for any and all records responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request and demonstrate that it employed search methods reasonably likely to lead to the discovery of records responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) order Defendant to produce, by a date certain, any and all non-exempt records responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request and a *Vaughn* index of any responsive records withheld under claims of exemption; (3) enjoin Defendant from continuing to withhold any and all non-exempt records responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (4) grant Plaintiff an award of attorneys' fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred in this action pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(E); and (5) grant Plaintiff such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: April 1, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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