



Request No. 2023-00916-FOIA-PHS

Protect The Public's Trust v. HHS, Civil No. 23-cv-003662

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Dear Ms. Yardis:

This letter is in response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Specifically, PPT requested the following records relating to Assistant Secretary for Health, Rachel Levine:

1. From January 20, 2021, through the date this request is processed, records of scientific evidence, studies, and/or data to support the Assistant Secretary's claim that "gender-affirming care is medically necessary, safe, and effective for trans and non-binary youth".
2. From January 20, 2021, through the date this request is processed, records of surveys of medical professionals regarding the value and importance of "gender affirming care" for minor children.

For this response, the Department has reviewed 2 pages of records, potentially responsive to FOIA request 2023-00916-FOIA-PHS. We have decided to release all 2 pages to you in their entirety.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding the Department's response and/or the processing of your request, any such issues should be communicated to your legal counsel and the Department of Justice Attorney representing the Department in this matter

Sincerely yours,

For Alesia Y. Williams
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