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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Shawne McGibbon, Designated FOIA Officer
Administrative Conference of the United States
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. McGibbon:

On behalf of Public.Resource.Org, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, [5 U.S.C. § 552](#), I am submitting this request for records.

I am requesting all communications between ACUS and Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) including ANSI (ansi.org), ASTM (astm.org), ASME (asme.org), ASHRAE (ashrae.org), International Code Council (iccsafe.org), NFPA (nfpa.org), and Underwriters Laboratories (ul.com) concerning availability to the public of standards that have been incorporated by reference into federal or state law, or availability to the public during the public comment period prior to incorporation by reference into federal or state law.

Public.Resource.Org does not have a commercial interest in the requested record. Public.Resource.Org is a 501(c)(3) public charity chartered to make government information more broadly available without fee to any and all users. Public.Resource.Org has demonstrated an ability to disseminate information about the government and its activities to the public. It is one of the largest distribution sites for public information related to the U.S. government, including over 14,000 hours of video from Congressional hearings posted at the request of the Speaker of the House, over 8 million Form 990 reports filed with the Internal Revenue Service, over 6,000 U.S. government videos posted in cooperation with the Archivist of the United States, the historical opinions of the U.S. Court of Appeals, and the historical proceedings of the Administrative Conference of the United States. As the President of Public.Resource.Org, I am frequently quoted in major media publications such as [the New York Times](#), [Business Week](#), [the New Republic](#), and [the Washington Post](#). I also testify before Congress on issues of public access to government information and am a frequent public speaker on the subject.

Accordingly, we request that you waive all fees for locating and duplicating the requested record. If, however, a waiver is not granted, and if the fees to be assessed in connection with this request exceed \$100, please obtain my approval before any such costs are incurred.

We will expect a response within 20 working days as provided by law.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (707) 827-7290.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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