

TO: Office of the Secretary of Transportation

From: Max Kohn, *Whistleblower Network News*

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request copies of the following records as a reporter and representative of *Whistleblower Network News (WNN)*:

All documents relating to DOT and the Secretary's decision to delay issuing the whistleblower regulations of the Motor Vehicles Safety Act.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (FAST) enacted the reward law, the Motor Vehicles Safety Whistleblower Act (MVSWA, the Act). The law under MVSWA in 49 USC 30172 (H)3(I) says that "Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations on the requirements of this section, consistent with this section." This request is seeking the Secretary's response to this law, in particular, documentation of the Secretary's decision to delay the publication of regulations governing DOT's whistleblower reward law.

The Act was enacted in January of 2015 giving DOT until June 2016 to release these regulations. DOT has, on multiple occasions, been made aware by public interest groups including WNN of these facts.

I am requesting all correspondence with the following groups and the Secretary's office relating to the Secretary's decision to delay publication in non-compliance with the Congressional mandate.

- All lobbying efforts, letters, and communications made to DOT in relation to the regulations.
- All letters and communications with the automobile industry in relation to the regulations.
- All letters and communications from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in relation to the regulations.
- All letters and communications from trade associations in relation to the regulations.
- All letters and communications from registered lobbyists in relation to the regulations.
- All letters and communications to and from Congress in relation to the regulations.
- All documents which provide justification for the delay of this law.

DATE RANGE: 2015 to the present.

To help determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I fall in the following fee category:

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