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Via Facsimile [404-235-1852]

CDC ATS DR

Attn: FOIA Office, MS: D54

1600 Clifton Road, N.E.

Atlanta, GA 30333

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Pursuant to the FOIA, Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) requests that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) produce the material set forth in this letter. All of the materials relate to an ongoing CDC administrative proceeding involving the development of Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. In particular, WLF is interested in obtaining all documents relating to the "Core Expert Group," a group established by CDC to review evidence regarding the use of opioids in treating chronic pain, and to provide advice to CDC in the drafting of its guidelines. I have attached a November 16, 2015 letter from WLF to Drs. Tom Frieden and Debra Houry, in order to more fully explain the nature of our interest in these documents.

Pursuant to the FOIA, WLF requests the following material from CDC:

- (1) All documents or records in any form whatsoever, evidencing or relating to CDC appointment of members to its Core Expert Group.
- (2) All documents evidencing or relating to CDC efforts to ensure that the composition of the Core Expert Group was "fairly balanced," in terms of the point of view expressed by members of the Group.
- (3) All minutes of any meetings of the Core Expert Group, including the June 23-24, 2015 meeting of the Core Expert Group in Atlanta; and any other documents that reflect what occurred at any such meetings.
- (4) All documents that were made available to (or prepared for) members of the Core Expert Group in connection with CDC requests that those members provide advice regarding proposed guidelines for prescribing opioids for chronic pain,

including all documents provided to such members in connection with the June 23-24, 2015 meeting of the Core Expert Group in Atlanta.

- (5) All documents that were prepared by any member of the Core Expert Group and supplied to CDC in connection with that member's work as part of the Core Expert Group.

This Request also covers any material of the types called for herein that come into existence between the date of this Request and the date of CDC's final response.

Washington Legal Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization whose purpose is to advance the public interest. Accordingly, we ask CDC to waive any fees and charges that would normally be imposed in connection with CDC's handling of this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Samp".

Richard A. Samp
Chief Counsel