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August 27, 2026

FOIA Officer

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Request: Department of State authorization for passports.gov under the

EOP/National Design Studio

Dear FOIA Officer,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

I request records constituting or reflecting the authorization for the

National Design Studio's (NDS) role in passports.gov and any Department of

State passport-services digital property: memoranda of understanding,

interagency agreements, task orders, detail agreements, or letters between

the Department of State and NDS, the Executive Office of the President, or

the White House Office, from August 2025 to the date of search. This

includes records identifying which entity operates, hosts, or controls

passports.gov content and the authority under which any non-State personnel

were granted access to State systems or content. News-media/public-interest

fee categorization and waiver requested: the records concern the operation

of a public-facing federal service by an entity with no published records

schedule.

To minimize processing burden, I am not requesting classified information,

sensitive security or law-enforcement methodologies, or private personal

information unrelated to official government business. This request seeks

records of official government activity only.

Fee waiver: I request a waiver of all fees under 5 U.S.C. §

552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Disclosure meets each factor of the public-interest

standard: (1) the subject specifically concerns the identifiable government

operations, programs, or investigations described in this request; (2)

disclosure is meaningfully informative about those operations and how they

are conducted; (3) it will contribute to public understanding at large, not

merely my own, because I will make the records available to the general

public; and (4) it is likely to contribute significantly to public

understanding of how federal authority is exercised and how government

programs and investigations are authorized and conducted. This request is

not in my commercial interest and is not made for a commercial purpose. If

a fee waiver is denied, please notify me before incurring any costs over

\$25.

Expedited processing: I request expedited processing under 5 U.S.C. §

552(a)(6)(E) on two grounds. (1) There is an urgency to inform the public

about actual or alleged federal government activity, and I am a person

primarily engaged in disseminating information: I publish the government

records I obtain through a public records docket available to the general

public. (2) This request concerns a matter of widespread and exceptional

media interest in which there exist possible questions about the

government's integrity that affect public confidence. I certify that the

foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

If any portion of a responsive record is withheld, please cite the specific

FOIA exemption claimed and release all reasonably segregable non-exempt

portions, as required by 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

Please provide responsive records in electronic format (searchable PDF or

native file) by email where possible.

I look forward to your determination on this request within the 20 business

days provided by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i).

Please confirm receipt and provide a tracking number. I am happy to clarify

or reasonably narrow this request if that would speed processing.

Sincerely,

Anthony Evan Breitfeller

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