

Advice for the Advisers

Seeking feedback on FOIA Advisory Committee
draft recommendations and initial findings

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FOIA Advisory Committee, 2024-2026 Term

Seeking feedback: three subcommittees

- Statutory Reform Subcommittee
 - [FACA Recommendation](#)
 - [Funding Recommendation](#)
 - [FOIA Logs Recommendation](#)
- Implementation Subcommittee
 - Select findings from focus groups
- Volume and Frequency Subcommittee
 - Survey: Unduly burdensome or AI-generated requests

Statutory Reform
Proposed Rec #1:
FACA
Recommendation

Congress should amend
FOIA to establish the FOIA
Advisory Committee as a
statutory federal advisory
committee.

Statutory Reform
Proposed Rec #2:
Funding
Recommendation

Congress should require executive branch departments and agencies to implement a funding model that requires them to allocate a portion of their operating budget to fund FOIA operations proportional to the size of the workforce served by the agency's FOIA office.

Statutory Reform
Proposed Rec #3:
Funding
Recommendation

Congress should amend FOIA to mandate regular publication of agency FOIA logs to contain 13 fields generally maintained in agency FOIA tracking systems.

Implementation Subcommittee: Select Findings from Focus Groups

Background

- Goals: Understand agency barriers to implementing FAC recommendations, motivations for doing so, successful strategies, and changes needed
- Audience: FOIA professionals from federal agencies who've been active within the last three years
- Outcome: 12 focus groups, 52 participants, all agency sizes represented



Implementation
Subcommittee:
Focus Groups'
Select Findings

Select findings on critical
needs/gaps

- Increased awareness of FOIA
Advisory Committee
Recommendations
- Interagency coordination and
community building

Volume and
Frequency
Subcommittee:
Survey—Unduly
burdensome or
AI-generated
requests

We invite current and recent federal access professionals to share their perspectives in a brief, anonymous survey to understand the challenges of managing certain public records requests.

Your insights will directly inform the committee's recommendations. Survey closes **March 31**.

For more information, contact Shelley Kimball, Johns Hopkins University,
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<https://tinyurl.com/FOIASurvey>



Volume and
Frequency
Subcommittee:
AI-generated
requests

Feedback sought: What
effects, if any, are AI-
generated requests having on
the FOIA process?

