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Re: FBI's Disclosures involving its informant, Levane Malvison Forsythe, FBI #:C-124363J1

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my constituent, Michael Withey, and the Freedom of Information Act request he submitted regarding Levane Malvison Forsythe, an informant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Withey first submitted a FOIA request on July 14th, 2015, seeking all documents related to Mr. Forsythe, his testimony in the criminal trial of Ramil and Guloy, and his work with the FBI. Mr. Withey hopes to use these documents to further understand the FBI's connection with the Domingo and Viernes case so that he might provide closure for the families of the victims.

Mr. Withey informed my office that since he submitted his initial request, he has had very little success in obtaining information from your agency. Multiple requests to the Seattle Office of the FBI have resulted in prolonged delays over the past three years. In addition to the several inquiries filed by my office, Mr. Withey has received support from the Mayor of Seattle, Jenny Durkan, and members of the Seattle City Council. Most recently, the Seattle Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation sent a letter, signed by Ryan W. Bruett, Supervisory Special Agent, affirming that the petition was referred to both of your offices on April 23, 2018. However, to this date, Mr. Withey has not received a response by your office, nor have the requested documents been released.

I am confident that you will thoroughly investigate and evaluate Mr. Withey's FOIA request, as well as any actions taken by the FBI in relation to the Ramil and Guloy trial, and provide them full and due consideration. Attached is a Fact Sheet for further background on the request and Mr. Withey's concerns. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Raman Khanna at raman.khanna@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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