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Via e-mail

November 17, 2026

Nathaniel Story
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Re: Public Records Request Dated October 19, 2026 – Secretary Mahaniah Emails re Israel

Dear Nathaniel Story,

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) responds to the above-referenced public records request (PRR) received on October 19, 2026, wherein you requested the following:

> *Emails sent, received, or copied (cc/bcc) by Dr. Kiame Mahaniah (Kiame.J.Mahaniah@mass.gov)*
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> *Limit the search to emails containing the keyword "israel" or "isreal"*
> *Limit the search to emails dated April 16, 2026 to present (when this request is processed).*
>
> *Please include any attachments to matched emails.*

On October 21, 2026, you agreed to narrow the scope of your request by excluding any search results that contained the keyword “Beth Israel.”

Enclosed is one (1) PDF containing the records responsive to your request. EOHHS has redacted personal email addresses, as this information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to G.L. c. 4, §

7(26)(c) ("Exemption (c)"). *See Globe Newspaper Co. v. Bos. Ret. Bd.*, 388 Mass. 427, 442 (1983). EOHHS redacts this information under Exemption (c)'s general privacy protections, as the information is of a highly personal nature and contains specific details which may identify individuals. The release of such information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy interests, and the individuals' privacy interests outweigh the public's interest in disclosure.

Additionally, EOHHS has withheld eight (8) responsive email records sent and received during the requested time period. The records are withheld pursuant to the attorney-client privilege, as explained below and detailed in the enclosed privilege index.

The withheld documents were exchanged between EOHHS staff and EOHHS attorneys, contain or seek legal advice, were made in confidence, and there has been no waiver of the privilege. *See Suffolk Construction Co., Inc. v. Div. of Capital Asset Management*, 449 Mass. 444, 448-52 (2007) (finding confidential communications between public officers and employees and governmental entities and their legal counsel, undertaken for the purpose of obtaining legal advice or assistance, are protected under the normal rules of the attorney-client privilege). EOHHS provides the enclosed privilege index for the withheld records, which contains the information required by 950 CMR 32.06(3)(d). Please note the following individual is an attorney: Sharon Boyle.

EOHHS now considers your request closed.

EOHHS reserves the right to retrieve any exempted, privileged, or otherwise protected materials inadvertently included in this production. Any such production is not, and shall not be considered or deemed, a waiver of any applicable privileges or protections from disclosure.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 66, § 10A, if you believe the agency has violated G.L. c. 66, § 10 and you made your request in writing, you may submit an appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth or seek judicial review by commencing a civil action in Suffolk Superior Court.

Sincerely,

Cole Cagle

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Assistant General Counsel