



Armenian National Committee of America  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

February 5, 2026

FOIA Officer  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 729H  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Via: FOIARequest@hhs.gov and FOIA\_Request@cms.hhs.gov

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). I request that a copy of the following records be provided to the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA), a nonprofit advocacy organization:

1) All records relating to the creation, planning, approval, review, editing, posting, and dissemination of the video(s) posted by or featuring Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz on or about January 27-28, 2026, on official CMS social media accounts (including but not limited to @DrOzCMS on X/Twitter and Facebook), in which Dr. Oz discussed alleged hospice and home care fraud in Los Angeles County (specifically the Van Nuys neighborhood), referenced amounts such as \$3.5 billion in fraud, and mentioned terms such as "Russian Armenian Mafia," "Russian-Armenian gangs," "organized crime mafia deal," or similar phrases while highlighting businesses with Armenian-language signage (e.g., a bakery or related establishments). This includes, but is not limited to:

-- Drafts, scripts, storyboards, or final versions of the video(s).

-- Internal emails, memoranda, notes, or communications (including those involving Dr. Oz, CMS staff, HHS officials, or contractors) regarding the video's content, production, or release.

-- Approvals, clearances, or legal reviews (e.g., from CMS communications, HHS Office of the General Counsel, or ethics offices) for posting the video on official government accounts.

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- Any social media posting schedules, metadata, analytics, or performance reports related to the video(s).

- Records of any complaints, inquiries, or responses received by CMS/HHS regarding the video(s).

2) All records relating to any CMS or HHS investigations, audits, reviews, enforcement actions, or intelligence assessments concerning hospice and/or home care fraud in Los Angeles County (particularly Van Nuys) that reference, involve, or were cited in connection with the above-described video(s). This includes:

- Investigative files, reports, summaries, or briefing materials alleging fraud linked to "Russian Armenian" entities, groups, or individuals.

- Evidence, data, or source materials supporting claims of \$3.5 billion in fraud or specific references to Armenian-owned businesses or communities.

- Communications between CMS/HHS and external entities (e.g., law enforcement, whistleblowers, media, etc.) related to these investigations or this video.

- Any records indicating whether the highlighted businesses were subjects of active investigations or cleared of wrongdoing.

Without limiting the scope of this request, custodians should include CMS Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz; CMS Office of Communications; CMS Center for Program Integrity; HHS Office of the General Counsel; and any CMS or HHS social media, digital communications, or public affairs staff involved in content review or posting. Reasonable search terms may include, but are not limited to: 'Oz,' 'hospice fraud,' 'home care fraud,' 'Van Nuys,' 'Los Angeles County,' '\$3.5 billion,' 'Armenian,' 'Russian Armenian,' 'mafia,' 'organized crime,' and the relevant social media handles.

The time frame for these records is January 1, 2025, to the present. If any portion of these records is available electronically (e.g., emails, PDFs, videos, or databases), please provide them in electronic format. Please produce responsive records on a rolling basis as they are processed. If any portion of a record is withheld, please provide all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions.

I request a waiver of all fees, as disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute to public understanding of the activities of the government (CMS/HHS leadership conduct, potential misuse of official platforms, and equity in fraud enforcement) and is not primarily in my/our commercial interest.

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ANCA is a nonprofit 501(c)(4) organization dedicated to public advocacy on civil rights and community issues, with no commercial purpose. If fees are assessed, please inform me in advance of the amount.

Please provide the records in the order processed and notify me if any portion is withheld under an exemption, including the specific exemption claimed and the basis. For any records withheld in whole or in part, please provide an index describing each document withheld, the exemption claimed, and the justification for non-disclosure.

This request is submitted in connection with ANCA's Title VI civil rights complaint filed with HHS on January 30, 2026, regarding alleged unlawful discrimination and ethnic profiling by CMS Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz in the above-described video

If you have questions or need clarification, contact me [Aram Hamparian, Executive Director] at (202) 369-5373 or [aram@anca.org](mailto:aram@anca.org).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. I look forward to your response within the statutory requirement of 20 business days.

Sincerely,



Aram Hamparian  
Executive Director