Dear Interim Tucson Sector Chief Felix Chavez

This is a continuation of a FOIA request I submitted to your predecessor, former Tucson Sector Chief Manuel Padilla, on April 26, 2013 and May 1, 2013 respectively. Former chief Manuel Padilla chose to violate federal law under the Freedom of Information Act by ignoring my lawful request for public documentation maintained by your office. I can only hope that during your tenure as Interim Chief of the Tucson Sector you intend to hold U.S. Customs & Border Protection to a higher standard by abiding by FOIA requirements and meeting CBP’s obligations under federal law.

In my previous FOIA requests to Tucson Sector Customs & Border Protection, I requested copies of the following documentation:

* The most current manual(s) or guidelines governing the operation of inland/interior checkpoints operated by Customs & Border Protection in the Tucson sector. If there are no specific manuals or guidelines in place then a compilation of the most current set of policies, procedures, rules and/or regulations relied upon by Tucson Sector CBP personnel for the operation of these checkpoints will suffice.

This FOIA request is extending my previous request and adding to it as follows:

* All Operation Stonegarden federal grant documentation Tucson Sector CBP maintains relating to the Pima County Sheriff’s Dept. for the most current year such an agreement has been in effect.

It should be noted I am specifically requesting that the responsive records be provided to me in electronic format wherever possible. Any standard document formats such as pdf, microsoft word, open office, jpeg, etc is acceptable. To this end, I am specifically invoking paragraph (3) of 5 USC 552 of the FOIA law which states in pertinent part:

"(B) In making any record available to a person under this paragraph, an agency shall provide the record in any form or format requested by the person if the record is readily reproducible by the agency in that form or format. Each agency shall make reasonable efforts to maintain its records informs or formats that are reproducible for purposes of this section."

If your office cannot reproduce the requested records in electronic format, paper copies are acceptable. If your office does not maintain these public records, please advise me as to who does and include the proper custodian's name and address.
If you choose to deny this request in whole or in part, please provide a written explanation for each specific denial and/or redaction including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

In order to help determine my status to assess fees, you should know I am an individual seeking information for non-commercial use. Additionally, I assert that disclosure of the information requested is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not in the commercial interest of the requester.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely;

Terry Bressi