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This is a follow up to a previous request:

I am writing to appeal the response to my Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request (DEPT MR 147108) received from the Records Access Officer at the City University of New York (CUNY) University Central Office.

In the response dated June 14, 2023, the Records Access Officer requested additional information to search for "communications" that are responsive to request #3 and request #5 of my FOIL request. The officer asked for a specific time period, search terms, and specific individuals from "AAARI/CUNY" by COB June 28, 2023, or else CUNY University Central Office would deny requests #3 and #5 as overly broad.

I believe this response constitutes an arbitrary denial of access and a willful attempt to avoid responding to my request. The deadline of June 28, 2023, appears to be an attempt to limit the scope of my request without conducting a detailed search, which is contrary to the spirit of the Freedom of Information Law.

My original request, I believe, was reasonably described and in compliance with the FOIL. Furthermore, I have recently responded to the Records Access Officer's request for more specific parameters in a manner that is accommodating and within the bounds of reasonableness.

I am appealing this decision on the grounds that it is a violation of the Freedom of Information Law, specifically Public Officers Law, Article 6, which guarantees the public's right to access government records.

I kindly request that this appeal be reviewed promptly, and that the decision to impose an arbitrary deadline be reconsidered. I am also forwarding a copy of this appeal to the Committee on Open Government for their review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

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