

BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY  
OFFICE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT



October 3, 2017

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

[S \[REDACTED\]@gmail.com](mailto:S[REDACTED]@gmail.com)

**RE: #OOG-0008\_\_9.23.17 Resolution of Complaint**

Dear Ms. Butt:

The Office of Open Government (OOG), pursuant to the authority set forth in § 503(a)(4) of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, effective March 31, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-350; D.C. Official Code § 2-593 *et seq.* (2017)), and 3 DCMR § 10400 *et seq.* (2017), has reviewed your complaint, assigned file number OOG\_0008\_9.23.17, in which you allege that the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) has failed to provide you with your 2015 District of Columbia income tax refund check and the results of its investigation concerning the refund.

The enforcement authority of the OOG extends only to violations committed by District of Columbia public bodies under the Open Meetings Act (D.C. Official Code § 2-571 *et seq.*) The OOG does not have jurisdiction over the alleged violations you raise. Therefore, your complaint is closed. However, you may be able to obtain copies of the documents relevant to your 2015 income tax refund through submission of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). FOIA requests may be submitted to the CFO electronically through the District's FOIA Portal, or by email, facsimile, regular mail or orally. You may access the District's FOIA Portal at <https://foia-dc.gov>. Should you choose to submit a FOIA request electronically, the email address and telephone number of the CFO FOIA office are [laverne.lee@dc.gov](mailto:laverne.lee@dc.gov) and (202) 727-9528. The OOG is able to assist you with drafting the FOIA request to the CFO. If you desire assistance with your FOIA request please feel contact OOG Attorney Advisor Johnnie Barton at [johnnie.barton2@dc.gov](mailto:johnnie.barton2@dc.gov) or call (202) 741-5373.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Traci L. Hughes".

TRACI L. HUGHES, ESQ.  
Director, Office of Open Government  
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