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Department of Labor - Office of Financial Regulation, Custodian
Robert Benincasa (NPR), Complainant

Complainant Robert Benincasa, a reporter for NPR, requested data related to foreclosures from the Maryland Department of Labor's Office of Financial Regulation ("OFR"). OFR provided some responsive data but withheld certain information under §§ 4-335 and 4-336 of the Public Information Act,¹ which provide exemptions for confidential commercial or financial information and information about an individual's finances, respectively.

NPR disputed OFR's application of the exemptions and so contacted the Public Access Ombudsman for assistance in attempting to resolve that dispute. After the Ombudsman issued a final determination stating that the dispute was not resolved, NPR filed this complaint with our Board.

While OFR's response to the Board complaint was pending, the parties engaged in further discussion. On December 6, 2023, NPR advised that the issues had been resolved to NPR's satisfaction and that NPR therefore wished to withdraw its complaint. See COMAR 14.02.02.07. Given these circumstances, we dismiss this complaint.

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¹ Md. Code Ann., Gen. Provisions §§ 4-101 through 4-601.