



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY**
WASHINGTON, D C. 20460

Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights
Office of External Civil Rights Compliance

February 23, 2023

In Reply Refer to:

EPA Complaint No. 01RNO-23-R1

Daniel Weaver
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BOSTON REGIONAL OFFICE
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Weaver:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), Office of External Civil Rights Compliance (“OECRC”) the above referenced complaint, which were received on December 14, 2022 from (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Ent. Privacy, a resident of the Malden, MA (“Complainant”). Complainant alleges that the City of Malden (“City”) discriminated on the basis of race, in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and EPA’s implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 7. After careful review, OECRC has determined that we cannot accept your complaint for investigation because it does not meet the jurisdictional requirements described in the EPA’s nondiscrimination regulation at 40 C.F.R. Parts 5 and 7.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) may have jurisdiction over the City, which is a recipient of HUD financial assistance. Therefore, OECRC by this letter refers this complaint to your office for appropriate action. We have notified the Complainant that EPA has referred the complaint to HUD for further review and provided Complainant with your contact information. We have also notified the City of EPA’s closure of the matter.

We enclose a copy of our rejection letter and original complaint for your review. If you have any questions, please contact me at hoang.anhthu@epa.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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