



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.  
Washington, DC 20590

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In Reply Refer To: HCR-20  
DOT# 2017-0346

**(b) (6)**

**Subject:** Dismissal of Complaint DOT #2017-0346

Dear **(b) (6)**,

This letter acknowledges that the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Office of Civil Rights is in receipt of your complaint, which alleged violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and USDOT's implementation regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 21 and/or 23 C.F.R. Part 200. To be accepted for investigation, a complaint must meet the jurisdictional requirements described in FHWA's Investigations Manual, which conforms to the U.S. Department of Justice's procedures and standards for investigating complaints of discrimination.

After careful consideration, the FHWA has concluded it will dismiss this complaint. Your complaint alleges the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT & PF) discriminated against you on the basis of race by searching your belongings and removing an incense box from your room on a ferry managed by the ADOT & PF. Additionally, you claim security personnel on the ferry harmed your cat. These alleged actions regard potential law enforcement and security issues and do not meet the jurisdictional requirements for a Title VI Civil Rights claim with the FHWA.

This complaint will be closed with no further action taken by FHWA.

If you have any questions about this complaint, please contact Erich Hines at 202-366-5991 or [erich.hines@dot.gov](mailto:erich.hines@dot.gov).

Sincerely,



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Associate Administrator for Civil Rights

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