

Re: IMPORTANT: FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

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To: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

Hi. Here is a statement from EFF Executive Director Cindy Cohn:

We support full transparency about the PPP program, and the public's right to know who received loans. EFF applied for and received a PPP loan to avoid having to lay off employees during the pandemic. That is what Congress provided the funds for, and that's how we as a small nonprofit used them. Employee salaries and benefits make up over 75% of our monthly expenses. The majority of our current funding for our work defending civil liberties in the digital world comes from 30,000 ordinary individuals making small donations. Mr. Wozniak was instrumental in EFF's founding 30 years ago but has not been actively involved in the organization in over 20 years.

On Mon, 06 Jul 2020, adam@openthebooks.com wrote:

> To whom it may concern,

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> My name is Adam Andrzejewski, a senior policy contributor at Forbes. We

> are working on a piece exploring the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

> recipients. The deadline for comment is today, July 7th, 2020 -- as soon

> as possible. It's breaking news and if you miss our deadline, we will do

> our best to update the piece after you respond.

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> In these times of national crisis, please provide us with an on-the-record

> justification for your PPP loan transaction. All lending numbers are via

> open records request of the U.S. Treasury and Small Business

> Administration (SBA).

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> Here is the section(s) where your entity is mentioned:

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> In San Francisco, Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak co-founded the Electronic

> Frontier Foundation and they received between \$1 million and \$2 million

> even though they have assets of \$40.3 million on their latest IRS

> 990<https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display_990/43091431/12_2019_9_prefixes_01-06%2F043091431_201806_990_2019120916936495>.

> _____ Any context, feedback, or comment would be

> important to our readers at Forbes.

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> Sincerely,

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> Adam

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