



## Supplemental User Note: Public Use Versions

Public Input Files, 9/2017 - 9/2020

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The Public Input Files contain public comments, written statements for the record, and testimony given in hearings held by the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (NCMNPS). This input was submitted by the general public, veterans, academics, politicians, organizations, corporations, and federal employees. Topics covered include mandatory national service, civic education, military recruitment, the draft, expanding Selective Service to include women, federal hiring practices, critical skills needs, and AmeriCorps.

The series includes four Excel files containing raw versions of public comments submitted to the NCMNPS. The files include personally identifiable information (PII) that is exempt from release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)(b)(6), which relates to personal information the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

NARA staff created public use versions of the four Excel files in which each specific instance of information to withhold is redacted with “[FOIA(b)(6) Personal Information].” A single comment may contain multiple redactions. No comment was redacted in full. See the below table for a summary of the public use files.

Public Use File Names	Total comments	Total comments with redactions
RAW-DAT-DCPublicComments-FINAL_PUF.xlsx	438	133
RAW-DAT-I2SPortalComments-FINAL_PUF.xlsx	3,848	161
RAW-DAT-IPPublicComments-FINAL_PUF.xlsx	114	4
RAW-DAT-RawMasterPublicComments-FINAL_PUF.xlsx	29,181	1,400

Files RAW-DAT-DCPublicComments-FINAL\_PUF.xlsx, RAW-DAT-I2SPortalComments-FINAL\_PUF.xlsx, and RAW-DAT-IPPublicComments-FINAL\_PUF.xlsx are single-sheet Excel workbooks.

File RAW-DAT-RawMasterPublicComments-FINAL\_PUF.xlsx contains 34 sheets. Some of the sheets include formulas. NARA retained the formulas as they appear in the original sheets in the public use version. Note the values calculated by the formulas now reflect the contents of the public use version of the file. For example, formulas that calculate the number of characters in a cell (LEN formula) may return a different value in the public use file versus the original if the

referenced cell includes a redaction statement, as the redaction may increase or decrease the number of characters in the cell.

The agency also transferred 10 Portable Document Format (PDF) files containing redacted versions of these public input comments as prepared by their staff. NARA did not receive unredacted versions of the comments in PDF format. Note redactions present the PDFs may differ from those in the NARA-prepared public use versions of the Excel files. In these cases, when preparing public use versions of the raw comments in the Excel files, NARA determined that some information previously masked in the PDF versions could be released in the Excel files. NARA cannot revise the redacted PDFs.

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