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Dear Ms. Fleming:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 334512.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (the "department") received a request for a copy of a specified disciplinary action involving the requestor. You state the department has made, or will make, some of the responsive information available to the requestor. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.134 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.134 of the Government Code relates to information about inmates of the department and provides in relevant part:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or by Section 552.029, information obtained or maintained by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if it is information about an inmate who is confined in a facility operated by or under a contract with the department.

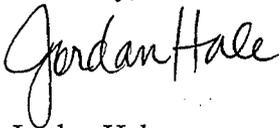
Gov't Code § 552.134(a). You state the submitted information consists of information about inmates confined in a facility operated by the department. Thus, we agree the submitted

information is subject to section 552.134. Furthermore, we conclude that none of this information is subject to release under section 552.029 of the Government Code. Therefore, the department must withhold the submitted information in its entirety pursuant to section 552.134 of the Government Code.¹

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General at (512) 475-2497.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

cc: Requestor
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¹As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining argument against disclosure.