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Mr. Gary Grief
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Dear Mr. Grief:

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# 536749 (TLC File No. L-18680).

The Texas Lottery Commission (the "commission") received a request for information pertaining to a specified winning lottery ticket. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from public disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. This section encompasses information protected by other statutes, including section 466.022(b) of the Government Code. Section 466.022(b) provides that the following information is confidential and exempt from disclosure:

> (1) security plans and procedures of the commission designed to ensure the integrity and security of the operation of the lottery;
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> (2) information of a nature that is designed to ensure the integrity and security of the selection of winning tickets or numbers in the lottery, other than information describing the general procedures for selecting winning tickets or numbers[.]

Id. § 466.022(b)(1)-(2). You explain the submitted information consists of certain transactional details, such as the date and time of purchase and the serial number of the lottery ticket at issue, the release of which would compromise the lottery games and threaten the integrity and security of the operation of the lottery. You further explain that, "[a]s part of the lottery security plans and procedures, it is important not to release this type of transactional information about the ticket or its purchase in the event this information is needed during the security validation or processing of a claim involving the ticket." Based upon your representations and our review, we conclude the commission must withhold the submitted information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 466.022(b) of the Government Code.

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.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, 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 may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)