



February 27, 2015

Ms. Audra Gonzalez Welter
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OR2015-03991

Dear Ms. Welter:

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# 555432 (University of Texas OGC# 159534).

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (the "university") received a request for all documents in the requestor's employee file pertaining to the revocation of the requestor's clearance and the termination of the requestor's employment on a specified date and any subsequent dates.¹ You state you have released some information to the requestor. Although you take no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, you state release of this information may implicate the interests of a third party. Accordingly, you state you have notified the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (the "department") of the request for information and of its right to submit arguments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested third party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

¹We note the requestor narrowed his request. *See* Gov't Code § 552.222 (providing that if request for information is unclear, governmental body may ask requestor to clarify request); *see also* *City of Dallas v. Abbott*, 304 S. W.3d 380,387 (Tex. 2010) (holding that when a governmental entity, acting in good faith, requests clarification or narrowing of an unclear or over-broad request for public information, the ten-day period to request an attorney general ruling is measured from the date the request is clarified or narrowed).

As of the date of this letter, we have not received any comments from the department or any other third party explaining why any portion of the submitted information should not be released to the requestor. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the submitted information must be released.

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

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