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Dear Ms. Cost:

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# 568133 (PIR# 15-1545).

The Texas Department of Public Safety (the "department") received a request for all information pertaining to the requestor. You indicate the department is withholding social security numbers of individuals other than the requestor pursuant to section 552.147(b) of the Government Code.¹ You state the department has released some of the requested information. 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. Section 552.101 encompasses information made confidential by other statutes, such as section 1702.084 of the Occupations Code. Subsection 1702.084(d) provides "[t]he [Texas Private Security Board (the "board")]" shall maintain the confidentiality of information regarding the identification of a complainant." Occ. Code

¹Section 552.147(b) of the Government Code authorizes a governmental body to redact a living person's social security number from public release without the necessity of requesting a decision from this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.147(b).

§ 1702.084(d). We understand the board is part of the department. *See id.* §§ 1702.005, .021. You indicate the submitted information pertains to an investigation of a complaint by the board and you state the information includes the identifying information of the complainant. Upon review, we agree the information you have marked consists of information regarding the identification of a complainant for purposes of section 1702.084(d). Thus, the department must withhold the information you marked under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 1702.084 of the Occupations Code. The department must release the remaining information.

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)