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Representative Bill Zedler
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Dear Representative Zedler:

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# 570249.

The Office of State Representative Bill Zedler (the "representative's office") received a request for all correspondence between the representative's office and the Texas Medical Board (the "board") during a specified period of time. You state the submitted information is confidential. We have also received and considered comments from the board and the Texas Department of Insurance (the "department"). *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have considered the submitted arguments and reviewed the submitted information.

Initially, the representative's office has submitted a representative sample of the requested information. However, the board informs us the submitted information is not representative of the information to which the requestor seeks access. Please be advised this open records letter ruling applies to only the types of information the representative's office has submitted for our review. This ruling does not authorize the representative's office to withhold any information that is substantially different from the type of information you have submitted to this office for review. *See id.* § 552.302.

Next, you acknowledge the majority of the submitted information is not responsive to the instant request because it pertains to information submitted to the representative's office by the department rather than the board. Upon review, we agree the information we have

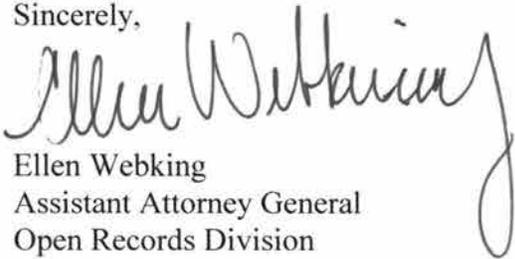
marked is not responsive to the instant request for information. This ruling does not address the public availability of any information that is not responsive to the request and the representative's office is not required to release such information in response to this request.

The board seeks to withhold information the representative's office has not submitted to this office for review. This ruling does not address information that was not submitted by the representative's office and is limited to the information submitted as responsive by the representative's office. *See id.* § 552.301(e)(1)(D) (governmental body requesting decision from Attorney General must submit copy of specific information requested). Thus, as the board does not seek to withhold any portion of the responsive submitted information, we will not address the board's arguments under sections 552.101 and 552.103 of the Government Code. As no arguments are made to withhold the responsive submitted information, it 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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