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Dear Ms. Dahlstein:

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# 583622.

The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (the "board") received a request for the dentist database with home addresses. You claim some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.117 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.¹

Section 552.117(a)(1) of the Government Code excepts from disclosure the home address and telephone number, emergency contact information, social security number, and family member information of a current or former employee or official of a governmental body who requests this information be kept confidential under section 552.024 of the Government Code. *See* Gov't Code § 552.117(a)(1). We note section 552.117 applies only to information held by a governmental body in an employment context. Thus, information that is not held in an employment context may not be withheld under section 552.117(a)(1) of the Government Code. Upon review, we find the board does not employ the persons at issue in

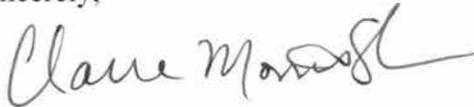
¹We assume the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and therefore does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

the submitted information, and thus the board does not withhold the information in an employment context. Accordingly, the board may not withhold any portion of the submitted information under section 552.117(a)(1) of the Government Code. Therefore, the board must release the submitted 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)