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Ms. Jena R. Abel
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OR2015-25261

Dear Ms. Abel:

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# 589093.

The Texas Board of Nursing (the "board") received a request for all records pertaining to a deceased individual. You state you have released some information to the requestor. You claim a portion of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.147 of the Government Code.¹ We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.147(a) of the Government Code excepts the social security number of a living individual from public disclosure. Gov't Code § 552.147(a). We note the individual whose social security number you seek to withhold is deceased. Accordingly, the board may not withhold the social security number you marked under section 552.147 of the Government Code. As no other exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the submitted information must be released.

¹Although you raise section 552.0215 of the Government Code, we note this section is not an exception to public disclosure under the Act. *See* Gov't Code §§ 552.024, .301, .302.

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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