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Dear Ms. Vu:

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# 610292 (OOG No. 16-060).

The Office of the Governor (the "governor's office") received a request for five categories of information regarding communications pertaining to charter schools and applications for the 2015 Charter Schools Program State Educational Agencies Grant. You state the governor's office released some information. Although you take no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, you state release of the submitted information may implicate the proprietary interests of the United States Department of Education (the "DOE"). Accordingly, you state you notified the DOE 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 (permitting interested third party to submit to attorney general reasons why requested information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

As of the date of this letter, we have not received any comments from the DOE explaining why any of the submitted information should not be released. 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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