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Dear Ms. Whitney:

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# 563847.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (the "department") received a request for information concerning a named inmate. You assert the department need not comply with the request to release the requested information pursuant to section 552.028 of the Government Code. In the alternative, you claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.134 of the Government Code. We have considered your arguments.

Section 552.028 of the Government Code provides:

(a) A governmental body is not required to accept or comply with a request for information from:

- (1) an individual who is imprisoned or confined in a correctional facility; or
- (2) an agent of that individual, other than that individual's attorney when the attorney is requesting information that is subject to disclosure under [the Act].

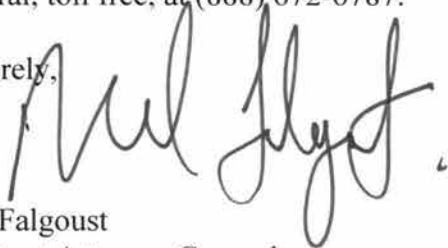
(b) This section does not prohibit a governmental body from disclosing to an individual described by Subsection (a)(1), or that individual's agent, information held by the governmental body pertaining to that individual.

Gov't Code § 552.028(a)–(b). You state the individual named in the request is an inmate in a correctional institution. *See id.* § 552.028(c) (“correctional facility” is a place for the confinement of a person arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a criminal offense). You assert the requestor made the present request for information as an agent of the inmate. The requestor states she is submitting her request on behalf of the inmate. Upon review, we agree the requestor is acting as the agent of the inmate for purposes of section 552.028. Accordingly, the department need not comply with the request for information from this requestor and we will not address your claimed exception.

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](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  
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