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Dear Ms. Wolf:

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# 632862.

The Office of the Secretary of State (the "secretary's office") received a request for a list of community organizations identified by state vendors as recipients of voter education toolkits. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.103, 552.104, 552.107, 552.110, and 552.111 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.107(2) of the Government Code provides information is excepted from disclosure if "a court by order has prohibited disclosure of the information." Gov't Code § 552.107(2). The secretary's office states the information at issue is sealed by court order. You have submitted a copy of a court order signed on August 16, 2016, by a judge in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division, in the case styled *Veasey v. Abbott*, Civil Action No. 2:13-CV-00193. The court order provides, in pertinent part, "[a list of approximately 1,800 community groups and organizations to whom voter education toolkits will be distributed] shall be sealed." Based on your representations and our review, we agree a court by order has prohibited disclosure of the

submitted information. Accordingly, the secretary's office must withhold the submitted information under section 552.107(2) of the Government Code.¹

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
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¹As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining arguments against disclosure of this information.