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Dear Ms. Harden:

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# 638905 (PIR No. 16-45324).

The Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG") received a request for the denial letter for a named individual's request for crime victim's assistance.<sup>1</sup> The OAG claims the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.132 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exception and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.132 of the Government Code provides in pertinent part as follows:

(a) . . . , in this section, "crime victim or claimant" means a victim or claimant under Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure, who has filed an application for compensation under that subchapter.

(b) The following information held by the crime victim's compensation division of the attorney general's office is confidential:

(1) the name, social security number, address, or telephone number of a crime victim or claimant; or

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<sup>1</sup>We note the OAG sought and received clarification of the information requested. *See* Gov't Code § 552.222 (providing if request for information is unclear, governmental body may ask requestor to clarify request).

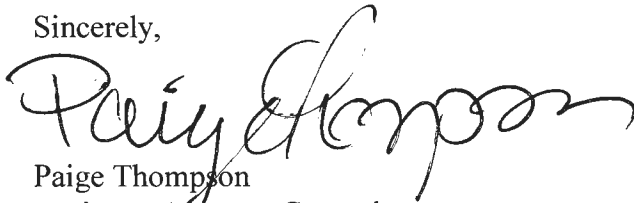
(2) any other information the disclosure of which would identify or tend to identify the crime victim or claimant.

Gov't Code § 552.132(a), (b). Thus, section 552.132 protects a crime victim's or claimant's identifying information. Here, the submitted information indicates the applicant is not a crime victim or claimant as defined by subchapter B of chapter 56 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. *See* Crim Proc. Code art. 56.32(a)(2), (11) (defining "claimant" and "victim" for purposes of chapter 56 of the Code of Criminal Procedure); *see also id.* art. 56.32(a)(10) (defining "personal injury" for purposes of chapter 56 of the Code of Criminal Procedure). Accordingly, we find the OAG failed to demonstrate the applicability of section 552.132 to the submitted information, and the OAG may not withhold it on that basis. As the OAG raises no other exceptions to disclosure, it 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](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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