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Dear Ms. Ayala:

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# 640337 (OGC# 172365).

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (the "university") received a request for the amount of funds spent on a specified professional coach for the chief operating officer of the university health system as well as the hours invested in the coaching. Although the university takes no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, you state release of this information may implicate the interests of the professional coach and the chief operating officer. Accordingly, you state, and provide documentation showing, you notified these individuals of the request for information and of their rights to submit arguments to this office as to why the information at issue should not be released. *See Gov't Code § 552.304* (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

Initially, we note you marked a portion of the submitted information as not responsive to the instant request for information. This ruling does not address the public availability of non-responsive information, and the university need not release non-responsive information to the requestor.

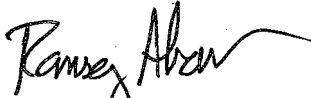
As of the date of this letter, we have not received any comments from the individuals at issue explaining why any portion of the submitted information should not be released to the

requestor. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the university must release the responsive 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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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)

2 Third Parties  
(w/o enclosures)