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Dear Mr. Bowman:

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# 670159.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a named individual and specified event. The department states it has released some of the requested information, but claims the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exception and reviewed the submitted information.

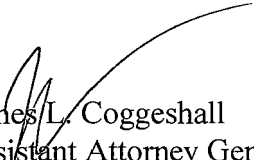
The requested information was the subject of a previous request for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2016-19277 (2016). In Open Records Letter No. 2016-19277, we determined the department must withhold some information under section 552.101 of the Government Code, but must release the remaining information. We have no indication the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed. Accordingly, the department must rely on Open Records Letter No. 2016-19277 as a previous determination and withhold or release the identical information in accordance with that ruling.¹

¹See Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

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
(w/o enclosures)