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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Sarah Parker  
Associate General Counsel  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 East 11th Street  
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

OR2019-20438

Dear Ms. Parker:

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# 776292.

The Texas Department of Transportation (the "department") received a request for specified information pertaining to three named peace officers. You state the department released information to the requestor, but made redactions as permitted by section 552.130(c) of the Government Code without requesting a decision from this office. We note the department also withheld social security numbers under section 552.147 of the Government Code.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to section 552.130(d), the requestor has asked this office to review the information redacted by the department and render a decision as to whether it is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130(a) of the Government Code. We have considered the department's position and reviewed the information.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is excepted from public release. *See* Gov't Code § 552.130. Accordingly, the department must

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<sup>1</sup>Section 552.147(b) of the Government Code authorizes a governmental body to redact a living person's social security number from public release without the necessity of requesting a decision from this office under the Act. *Id.* § 552.147(b).

withhold the motor vehicle record information we marked under section 552.130 of the Government Code. However, upon review, we find the remaining information does not consist of motor vehicle record information subject to section 552.130 and it may not be withheld on that basis.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ramsey A. Abarca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ramsey A. Abarca  
Assistant Attorney General  
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)