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Ms. Jennifer Jones
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OR2019-30161

Dear Ms. Jones:

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# 793282.

The Sunset Advisory Commission (the "commission") received a request for information referenced in a specified commission report. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. Section 552.101 encompasses information protected by other statutes, including section 325.0195 of the Government Code. Section 325.0195 provides, in relevant part:

(a) A working paper, including all documentary or other information, prepared or maintained by the commission staff in performing its duties under this chapter or other law to conduct an evaluation and prepare a report is excepted from the public disclosure requirements of Section 552.021.

Id. § 325.0195(a). You explain the submitted information consists of working papers of the commission prepared or maintained for the purpose of conducting a review under chapter 325 and preparing a report to the legislature. *See id.* § 325.010(a) (stating

commission shall present at legislative session report on agencies reviewed to governor and legislature). Upon review, we determine the information at issue is confidential under section 325.0195. Accordingly, based on your representations and our review, we conclude the commission must withhold the submitted information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 325.0195 of the Government Code.

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 <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued> or call the OAG's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Public Information Act may be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the OAG, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)