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OR2019-31950

Re: Request for a specified auto accident report

Dear Mr. Carroll:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 801152 (Odessa ID #P001334-092519).

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. You must withhold the submitted accident report under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 550.065(b) of the Government Code but must release the redacted accident report pursuant to section 550.065(c-1) of the Transportation Code.¹

For more information on the cited exception, please refer to the open government information on our website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/governmental-bodies/open-records-memorandum-rulings>. You may also contact our Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPENTEX.

c: Requestor

¹We note you did not comply with section 552.301 of the Government Code in requesting a ruling from this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.301(b). Nonetheless, because section 552.101 of the Government Code can provide a compelling reason to overcome the presumption of openness, we will consider its applicability to the submitted information. *See id.* §§ 552.007, .302, .352.