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Dear Ms. Calcote:

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# 840016 (Reference No. PIR 20-1569).

The Texas Department of Public Safety (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to specified incident. 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 redacted public citizens' dates of birth pursuant to Open Records Letter No. 2016-00620 (2016) and information under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code pursuant to Open Records Letter No. 2017-17508 (2017).<sup>1</sup> We also note the department redacted social security numbers pursuant to section 552.147(b) of the Government Code.<sup>2</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

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<sup>1</sup> Open Records Letter No. 2015-27249 authorizes the department to withhold public citizens' dates of birth under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy without requesting a ruling from this office. Open Records Letter No. 2017-17508 authorizes the department to withhold certain information under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code without the necessity of requesting an attorney general's decision.

<sup>2</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. *See* Gov't Code § 552.147(b).

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. Gov't Code § 552.130. Accordingly, the department must continue to withhold the motor vehicle record information you marked under section 552.130 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)