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Re: ORR# 2020-017

Dear Ms. Byrd-Pérez:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 843849.

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 claim the submitted information may be withheld from the requestor pursuant to section 552.108(a)(2) of the Government Code.¹ Upon review of your arguments and the submitted information, we conclude you may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(2).² However, you must release the basic information pursuant to section 552.108(c) of the Government Code.

¹ Initially, we note the requestor asks you to answer several questions. The Act does not require a governmental body to answer factual questions, conduct legal research, or create new information in responding to a request. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 563 at 8 (1990), 555 at 1-2 (1990). However, a governmental body must make a good-faith effort to relate a request to any responsive information that is within its possession or control. Open Records Decision Nos. 561 at 8-9 (1990), 555 at 102. We assume you have made a good-faith effort to do so.

² As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining argument against disclosure or address the applicability of section 1701.661(a) of the Occupations Code to the submitted video recordings. *See generally* Occ. Code § 1701.661(a), (e).

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.

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)