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OR2022-13839

Re: Request for information pertaining to a specified motor vehicle accident involving the requestor's client.

Dear Ms. Hickman:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 947589.

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 state you will release some of the requested information. You claim the video recording(s) must be withheld from the requestor in its entirety pursuant to section 552.130 of the Government Code because you lack the technological capability to redact the motor vehicle record information not pertaining to the requestor from the recording.¹ Thus, we agree you must withhold the video recording(s) pursuant to section 552.130 of the Government Code.²

For more information on the cited exception, please refer to the open government information on our website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open->

¹ We note, and you acknowledge, 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 the exceptions you claim 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.

² As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining arguments against disclosure of this information nor the applicability of section 1701.661(a) of the Occupations Code to the submitted body worn camera video recordings. *See generally* Occ. Code § 1701.661(a), (e).

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)