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Dear Mr. Hillis:

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# 963360 (OOG ID#: 257-22).

The Office of the Governor (the "governor's office") received a request for e-mails between certain governor's office employees and representatives of specified entities during a stated time period.<sup>1</sup> You state the governor's office has released some information. You claim the requested information is subject to previous rulings from our office. We have considered the submitted arguments.

You state the requested information was the subject of previous requests for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter Nos. 2022-21639 (2022) and 2022-[ID# 959720] (2022). We have no indication the law, facts, and circumstances on which the prior rulings were based have changed. Therefore, the governor's office must continue to rely on Open Records Letter Nos. 2022-21639 and 2022-[ID# 959720] as previous determinations and withhold or release the requested information in accordance with those rulings. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and

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<sup>1</sup> You state the governor's office sought and received clarification of the request for information. *See* Gov't Code § 552.222(b) (stating if information requested is unclear to governmental body or if large amount of information has been requested, governmental body may ask requestor to clarify or narrow request, but may not inquire into purpose for which information will be used); *City of Dallas v. Abbott*, 304 S.W.3d 380 (Tex. 2010) (holding when governmental entity, acting in good faith, requests clarification of unclear or overbroad request for public information, ten-business-day period to request attorney general opinion is measured from date request is clarified or narrowed).

circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

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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c: Requestor