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Mr. Kieran Hillis  
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OR2022-38603

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# 988891 (OOG ID# 599-22).

The Office of the Governor (the "governor's office") received a request for communications between the governor's office and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles which mention specified terms during a specified time period. You state you will release some information to the requestor. You claim the remaining requested information is subject to previous rulings from our office. We have considered your arguments.

You state the requested information at issue was the subject of previous requests for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter Nos. 2022-09349 (2022) and 2022-09522 (2022). In Open Records Letter No. 2022-09349 we determined the governor's office: (1) may withhold certain information under section 552.107(1) of the Government Code; (2) must withhold certain information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 508.313 of the Government Code; and (3) must release the remaining information. In Open Records Letter No. 2022-09522 we determined the governor's office: (1) may withhold certain information under section 552.107(1) of the Government Code; (2) may withhold certain information under section 552.111 of the Government Code; (3) must withhold certain information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy; and (4) must release the remaining information. You state the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior rulings were based have not changed. Accordingly, the governor's office must continue to rely on Open Records Letter Nos. 2022-09349 and 2022-09522 as previous determinations and withhold or release the information at issue in accordance with those

rulings. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 at 6-7 (2001) (discussing criteria for first type of previous determination).

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