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Mr. Ron Pigott
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Dear Mr. Pigott:

You have asked whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 110297.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (the "department") received a request for a list of all Travis County or Austin residents whose Texas drivers' licenses are in a suspended status due to court action. You assert that the information requested may not be disclosed pursuant to section 521.051 of the Texas Transportation Code, which provides that the department "may not disclose class-type listings from the basic driver's license record file to any person except as provided by Section 521.049(c), regardless of whether the requestor is eligible to receive the information under Chapter 730."

You argue that providing information that shows the status of residents' drivers' licenses "is the same as arranging them into classes." We agree. In Open Records Decision No. 498 (1988), this office determined that a list of drivers who are scheduled for license suspension hearings is a class-type listing. In Open Records Decision No. 618 (1993), this office also determined that a list of drivers convicted of traffic violations is also a class-type listing. The information requested is protected from disclosure pursuant to section 521.051 of the Texas Transportation Code.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous

determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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