



August 10, 1999

Ms. Pamela S. Bacon
Public Information Administrator
The University of Texas System
601 Colorado Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2982

OR99-2255

Dear Ms. Bacon:

You have asked whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 126335.

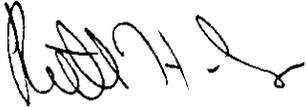
The University of Texas System received a request for information about two named individuals. You assert that some of the information responsive to this request is protected from disclosure under section 552.117 of the Government Code. Sections 552.024 and 552.117 provide that a public employee or official can opt to keep private his or her home address, home telephone number, social security number, or information that reveals that the individual has family members. A governmental body must withhold this information if, as of the time of the request for the information, the employee or official had elected in writing to keep the information private. Open Records Decision Nos. 530 at 5 (1989), 482 at 4 (1987), 455 (1987).

You submitted to this office information showing that the two named individuals had, at the time of the request, opted under sections 552.024 and 552.117 to withhold from public disclosure certain personal information. You also submitted to this office copies of the records at issue, marked to show the information you seek to withhold under section 552.117. We agree that the marked information is confidential and must not be released to the requestor. The remaining information at issue must be released.

We are resolving this matter with this 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 may not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth H. Soucy', written in a cursive style.

Ruth H. Soucy
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

RHS/ch

Ref: ID# 126335

Encl: Submitted documents

cc: Mr. Stephen N. Lisson
Editor & Publisher
INTIATE!!
P.O. Box 2013
Austin, Texas 78768-2013
(w/o enclosures)