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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

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# 396420 (DPS ORA # 10-1704, 1755).

The Texas Department of Public Safety (the "department") received two requests for information related to a fatal motor vehicle accident. You claim that the requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered your claim.

We note that the requested information is the subject of a previous ruling issued by this office. *See* Open Records Letter No. 2010-11735 (2010). We understand that the pertinent facts and circumstances have not changed since the issuance of that prior ruling. Thus, we determine that the department may continue to rely on our ruling in Open Records Letter No. 2010-11735 as a previous determination and withhold or release the submitted information in accordance with that decision. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (governmental body may rely on previous determination when records or information at issue are precisely same records or information that were previously submitted to this office pursuant to section 552.301(e)(1)(D); governmental body which received request for records or information is same governmental body that previously requested and received ruling from attorney general; prior ruling concluded that precise records or information are or are not excepted from disclosure under Act; and law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling

was based have not changed since issuance of ruling). As we are able to make this determination, we do not address your claim.

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 http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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No enclosures

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