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Dear Ms. Fleming:

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# 412490.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (the "department") received a request for a former inmate's emergency contact information and visitation list as well as information about the inmate's custody. You state some information has been, or will be, released to the requestor. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.134 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exceptions and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.134 of the Government Code provides, in relevant part:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or by Section 552.029, information obtained or maintained by the [department] is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if it is information about an inmate who is confined in a facility operated by or under a contract with the department.

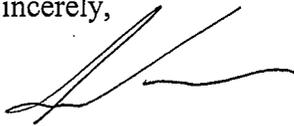
Gov't Code § 552.134(a). You state the submitted information relates to an inmate confined in a facility operated by the department. Thus, we agree the submitted information is subject to section 552.134. You also assert, and we agree, section 552.029 of the Government Code does not apply to the information at issue. Therefore, the department must withhold the

submitted information under section 552.134. As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining argument against disclosure.

You ask this office to issue a previous determination permitting the department to withhold inmates' family member information under section 552.134 of the Government Code without requesting a ruling from this office. We decline to issue such a previous determination at this time. Accordingly, this letter ruling is limited to the particular records 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 records 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](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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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)