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Dear Mr. Moore:

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# 446746 (TAMU Request No. 11-754).

Texas A&M University (the "university") received a request for information pertaining to a specified incident. You state the university is withholding a Texas driver's license number under section 552.130 of the Government Code and a Texas license plate number pursuant to Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009).¹ You state the university has released some of the requested information. You claim a portion of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

You have marked motor vehicle record information you seek to withhold under section 552.130 of the Government Code. This section provides information relating to a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a)(1). However, this exception protects personal privacy. We note the requestor in this instance is a representative of the company that insured the vehicle at issue. As such, this requestor, as the authorized

¹Open Records Decision No. 684 is a previous determination to all governmental bodies authorizing them to withhold ten categories of information, including Texas license plate numbers under section 552.130 of the Government Code, without the necessity of requesting an attorney general decision.

representative of the insured in this matter, has a right of access to the insured's marked motor vehicle record information. *See* Gov't Code § 552.023(a); Open Records Decision No. 481 at 4 (1987) (privacy theories not implicated when an individual or authorized representative asks governmental body to provide information concerning that individual). Therefore, the university may not withhold the motor vehicle record information you have marked from this requestor under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have marked motor vehicle record information of an individual other than the requestor's insured that the university must withhold under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The remaining submitted information must be released.

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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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)