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Mr. Gary Grief
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Dear Mr. Gary Grief:

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# 500912 (TLC File No. L-17314).

The Texas Lottery Commission (the "commission") received a request for four categories of information relating to a named individual's lottery scratch-off game winnings. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.139 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from public disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. This section encompasses information protected by other statutes, including section 466.022(b) of the Government Code. Section 466.022(b) provides that the following information is confidential and exempt from disclosure:

- (1) security plans and procedures of the commission designed to ensure the integrity and security of the operation of the lottery;
- (2) information of a nature that is designed to ensure the integrity and security of the selection of winning tickets or numbers in the lottery, other than

information describing the general procedures for selecting winning tickets or numbers[.]

Id. § 466.022(b)(1)-(2). The commission states the release of the submitted information would compromise the lottery games and threaten the integrity and security of the operation of the lottery. The commission explains the submitted information contains information relating to instant ticket manufacturing, instant ticket access controls, and other aspects of lottery security. Based upon your representations and our review, we conclude the commission must withhold the submitted information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 466.022(b) of the Government Code.¹

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.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, 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 may be directed to 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)

¹As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining argument against disclosure.