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Dear Ms. Vu:

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# 631097 (OOG ID# 16-242).

The Office of the Governor (the "governor's office") received a request for (1) communications between the governor's office and a named individual during a specified period of time, and (2) information concerning the named individual or the named individual's complaint. You state the governor's office will withhold information subject to section 552.117 of the Government Code as permitted by section 552.024(c) of the Government Code.¹ You also state the governor's office will withhold private e-mail addresses pursuant to Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009).² Although the governor's office takes no position as to the disclosure of the submitted information, you inform us

¹Section 552.117 of the Government Code exempts from disclosure the home addresses and telephone numbers, emergency contact information, social security numbers, and family member information of current or former officials or employees of a governmental body. *See* Gov't Code § 552.117(a)(1). Section 552.024 of the Government Code authorizes a governmental body to withhold information subject to section 552.117 without requesting a decision from this office if the current or former employee or official chooses not to allow public access to the information. *See id.* § 552.024(c).

²Open Records Decision No. 684 is a previous determination to all governmental bodies authorizing them to withhold certain categories of information, including an e-mail address of a member of the public under section 552.137 of the Government Code, without the necessity of requesting an attorney general decision.

release of this information may implicate the interests of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (the "commission"). Accordingly, you state you notified the commission of the request and of the opportunity to submit comments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released to the requestor. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

As of the date of this letter, we have not received any comments from the commission explaining why any portion of the submitted information should not be released to the requestor. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the governor's office must release the submitted information.

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
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Third Party
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