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Open Records Division
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Via Hand Delivery

Re: Clarified request for records, received: December 2, 2025 (SOS PIR No. 25-0911)

Dear General Paxton:

On September 9, 2025, the Office of the Texas Secretary of State ("Office") received a written request for information from Chloe Dennison (the "Requestor") under the Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "PIA"). On September 23, 2025, we asked the Requestor to clarify certain items in her initial request. The Office received a clarified request on behalf of the Requestor on December 2, 2025 (the "December 2 Request"). On December 16, 2025, the Office sent the Requestor a cost estimate for providing copies of public information responsive to the December 2 Request. On January 9, 2026, the Office received the Requestor's payment of the estimated costs via credit card through the Office's online payment portal.

Copies of the Requestor's September 9 request, the Office's September 23 letter, the Requestor's December 2 Request, the Office's December 16 cost estimate, and our January 9 email acknowledging receipt of the payment are attached as Exhibit A.[1] I hand-delivered this letter to the Open Records Division on January 27, 2026.

The Office asserts that certain information responsive to the December 2 Request is excepted from disclosure under the PIA. Specifically, the Office contends that some of the responsive information may be excepted from disclosure under Sections 552.101, 552.103, 552.106, 552,107, 552.111, 552.116, and 552.139 of the Texas Government Code.

[1] January 19, 2026 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) is designated as a national holiday under Section 662.003(a) of the Texas Government Code. The Office's chief administrative officer designated January 26, 2026 as a nonbusiness day for the Office pursuant to Section 552.0031(f) of the Texas Government Code. These days thus do not qualify as business days under the Public Information Act. *See* Tex. Gov't Code § 552.0031(a)(2), (f). Therefore, the 10th business day from the date that the Office received the Requestor's payment for the December 2 Request is today, January 27, 2026. *See* Tex. Gov't Code § 552.263(e) ("For purposes of Subchapters F and G, a request for a copy of public information is considered to have been received by a governmental body on the date the governmental body receives the deposit or bond for payment of anticipated costs or unpaid amounts if the governmental body's officer for public information or the officer's agent requires a deposit or bond in accordance with this section.").

Pursuant to Section 552.301(a) of the PIA, this letter is submitted in order to seek a decision as to whether the exceptions apply. To assist in your review, the Office will provide a brief of written comments and copies, or a representative sample, of the responsive documents not later than the 15th business day from the date that the Office received the Requestor's payment of the estimated charges.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (512) 463-5770.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Cc: Requestor (via email) without Exhibit