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Sent via Electronic Mail to: records@americanoversight.org

Re: Clarified request for records, TX-SOS-25-2192, received: December 2, 2025
(SOS PIR No. 25-0911)

Dear Mr. Sparks:

Please find enclosed a copy of the written comments, without exhibits, submitted to the attorney general. The comments are regarding the request for a decision on whether information withheld from you in response to your December 2, 2025 clarified request for records (the "December 2 Request") is confidential under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.[1]

Consistent with our January 27, 2026 letter, please find the enclosed documents responsive to the December 2 Request. We require more time to continue reviewing our records and produce additional responsive information. We will provide you additional responsive documents on a rolling basis—to the extent such information is not excepted from disclosure under state or federal law—with our next production by 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2026. *See* Tex. Gov't Code § 552.221(d).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (512) 463-5770.

[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 15th business day from the date that the Office received your payment for the December 2 Request is today, February 3, 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.").

Sincerely,



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Enclosures