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Re: *Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:*
Department of Human Services Records

Dear Mr. Sheketoff:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received via electronic mail on April 22, 2003, asks the Attorney General to order the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide you with a copy of its written response to a March 14, 2002, information request from the office of State Senator Margaret Carter.[1] For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition.

We spoke with Margaret A. Johnson, Acting Assistant Director of Finance and Policy Analysis at DHS about your petition. Ms. Johnson told us that she responded to the referenced information request by a letter, dated April 16, 2003, sent to Jon Christenson, Senator Carter's

[1] It appears that the request was sent to DHS in March 2003.

Chief of Staff. Ms. Johnson has agreed to provide a copy of that letter to you. Given DHS' voluntary disclosure of the requested record, we deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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c: Margaret A. Johnson, DHS