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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
*Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board Records*

Dear Mr. Bury:

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 on June 26, 2008,[1] asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board ("OVMEB") and its employees to produce the following information for all veterinarians licensed through the OVMEB: licensing numbers, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. For the reason that follows, we respectfully deny your petition.

The Public Records Law confers a right to inspect any public records of a public body in Oregon, subject to certain exemptions and limitations. *See* ORS 192.420. If a state agency denies a request for disclosure of records, the requestor may petition the Attorney General for review of the denial. However, the Attorney General may order a state agency to disclose records only when the agency has denied a request for the records. *See* ORS 192.450(1).

Your petition, dated June 25, 2008 states that the OVMEB denied your request. We spoke with Ms. Lori Makinen, Executive Director, about your petition. After consultation with our office, Ms. Makinen has agreed that OVMEB will release the records upon receipt of the required fee. Because the OVMEB has agreed to disclose the requested records, we deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

PETER D. SHEPHERD
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c: Lori V. Makinen, Executive Director

[1] We appreciate your extending the time within which the law would have otherwise obligated us to issue an order to July 11, 2008.