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RE: Petitions for Public Records Disclosure Orders
ODOT, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Divisions
DOJ File Nos: 735200-GA043-12 and 735200-GA0044-12

Dear Mr. Schmidt,

This letter is the Attorney General's order in response to your recent petitions asking our office to direct the Driver and Motor Vehicles Division of the Oregon Department of Transportation (DMV) to disclose certain public records to you. We deny your petition because, to the extent that you are seeking records in good faith, responsive records are readily available and DMV has not denied your request. To the extent you are not actually seeking records, but instead seeking ammunition to continue your frivolous arguments about Oregon's licensing laws, the Public Records Law does not require DMV to participate in those attempts simply because you style your arguments as requests for public records.

Your petitions relate to numerous written communications with DMV in which you purport to request various records relating to licensing programs administered by DMV. In essence, you claim to be confused about what sort of license you require and how to go about obtaining it.

Documents pertaining to DMV's licensing programs are readily available from DMV field offices, and posted on DMV's website; http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/index.aspx has an index containing numerous documents detailing Oregon's driver licensing requirements and http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/vehicle/titlereg.aspx has an index containing numerous documents detailing Oregon's title and registration requirements. DMV is not withholding records from you. Your purported confusion regarding licensing requirements is at odds with the fact that myriad Oregonians have no difficulty whatsoever understanding those

requirements. And in any event, it is not DMV's responsibility to determine for you what sort of license you need. The requirement, quite simply, is that when you undertake any particular driving activity, you must first have any license that is required under the current statutes of Oregon for that activity. It is your responsibility to know what you are doing and make sure you have any licenses the law requires.

Given the history between you and DMV, and in light of the fact that voluminous public records detailing Oregon's licensing programs are readily available if you actually wanted them, DMV's determination that you are not actually trying to obtain public records appears warranted. Even if DMV were not correct, the fact that the public records you claim to want are so easily obtainable would foreclose any conclusion that DMV has denied your requests for records.

Your petitions are denied.

Sincerely,

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