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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Board of Parole
DOJ File No.: 255001-GA0041-24

Dear Mr. Walker:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition for disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Your petition asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon Board of Parole (the "Board") to disclose records you say you have requested by mail on at least two occasions. Your petition states that the Board has not acknowledged or responded to any of your requests.

We discussed your petition with Ryan Williams, who serves as the Board's public records officer. He informed us that the Board has no record of receiving your requests, nor does its staff recall receiving any public record requests for the material you seek. The Board therefore believes your petition is premature because it has not denied your request. However, he explained, the Board has agreed to treat your petition as a written public records request and will contact you shortly.

Under the circumstances, we must respectfully dismiss your petition as premature because the Board has not denied a request for records. *See* ORS 192.324 (an agency's obligation to respond is triggered by receipt of a written request by an individual identified in the agency's written procedures); and ORS 192.411(1) (in general, the Attorney General may order disclosure only when a records request has been denied).

Sincerely,

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