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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Governor's Office
DOJ File No.: 137048-GA0001-25

Dear Ms. McComb:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your August 12, 2025, 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 Governor's Office to respond to your public records request. Any person who has been denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of any public records of a state agency may petition the Attorney General to determine whether the records may be withheld from public disclosure. *See* ORS 192.411(1). However, if the public records at issue are in the custody of an elected official, then "no petition to require disclosure may be filed with the Attorney General," and if a petition is filed, "it shall not be considered by the Attorney General * * *." ORS 192.427.

Because your petition seeks records in the custody of the Governor, an elected official, we lack jurisdiction to consider your appeal and must respectfully dismiss your petition.[1]

Sincerely,

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[1] Although we lack jurisdiction to consider this matter, we did forward your correspondence to the Office of the Governor to make them aware of the issues raised by your petition.